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Funeral on Saturday for slain toddlers

BOYS A funeral for two slain toddlers is to be held Saturday in Wetaskiwin. The bodies of two-and-a-half-year-old Conner McConnell and his 10-month-old brother Jayden were discovered Monday in a home in Millet, south of Edmonton. RCMP say the deaths are homicides. Police are not disclosing how the boys died and no charges have been laid. The service is scheduled for 1 p.m. at the Calvary Baptist Church. Friends of the McConnell family have set up a trust fund at ATB branches to help cover funeral and other expenses.

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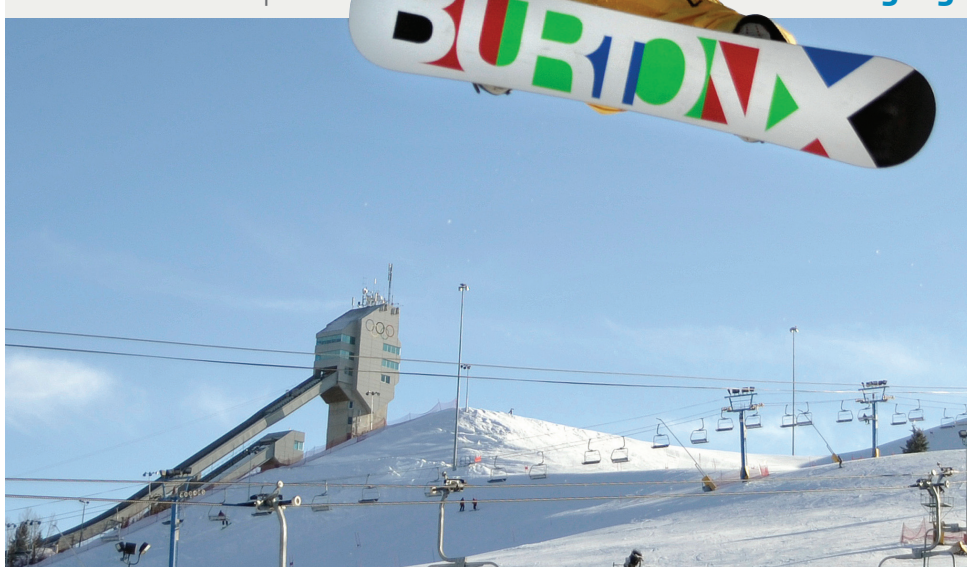
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Burton Canadian Open



Aiming high

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Seppe Smits, 18, of Belgium gives the thumbs-up during his practice run for the Burton Canadian Open to be held at Canada Olympic Park this weekend. This is the only Canadian stop along the world tour.

Foster father charged

Man allegedly offered money to teens in exchange for sex

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Sex charges have been laid against a former Foster Family of the Year award winner who has cared for up to 55 children over the past two decades.

In June 2009, police received information that Garry Prokopishin, a director for the Calgary and District Foster Parents Association, was allegedly offering troubled teens in his care money for sexual acts. This has prompted an immediate review by Alberta Children and Youth Services.

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especially given the fact there were up to 55 children in his care," police spokesperson Kevin Brookwell said.

Police have only been able to locate 13 of the 55 boys who have lived in the Prokopishin home.

According to Brookwell, the foster kids were typically high-risk teens with drug and alcohol problems. The boys ranged in age from 14 to 17, and up to five teens lived at the home at a time.

Yvonne Fritz, children

and youth services minister, said she was saddened by the allegations.

"My responsibility is to ensure the safety of our children. When the review is completed, we will review the recommendations," she said, adding a tougher screening process could be proposed.

Martin Durocher, president of the Calgary and District Foster Parents Association, declined to comment, but a pastor at St. Luke's church, which the

Prokopishins attended, spoke to Metro.

"I can confirm Garry and his wife attend the church, and our love and support goes to them," the pastor said, declining to give his name.

Prokopishin and his wife have, in the past, been recognized as Foster Parents of the Year by the Alberta Foster Parent Association.

Prokopishin, 51, is charged with one count of luring a child via a data device, three counts each of obtaining or attempting to obtain sex from a person under 18 years of age, and sexual contact with a youth by a person in authority.

Business a priority in throne speech

LEGISLATURE Alberta's throne speech promises less red tape for big business so the beleaguered energy sector can position itself to lead the province out of the recession.

This will include fewer environmental "hurdles" for conventional oil and natural-gas development.

"We must minimize the cost of doing business here, including the cost of regulation," said Lt.-Gov. Norman Kwong, who read the speech in the legislature Thursday.

The government signalled Alberta must improve its environmental image to avoid being shunned by major energy-consuming nations.

"Our economy will be seriously harmed if access to the U.S. energy market is impaired. We ... must secure access to the emerging clean-energy market south of the border," said the speech.

Stable five-year funding was noted for provincial health, which is facing a \$1-billion deficit and has cut staff and beds to eliminate the red ink. The government acknowledges that "Albertans deserve better results for their health-care dollars."

The government says it will also introduce measures to reduce crime, including a new Alberta Gang Reduction Strategy, 100 new police officers and a witness-protection program for people testifying in gang-related cases.

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Palin planning stop in Calgary

Former Alaska governor Sarah Palin, left, is coming to Calgary. Palin was the 2008 Republican vice-presidential running nominee and quickly rose to fame. She recently released her memoirs, *Going Rogue*. Palin will speak at an event at Stampede Park on March 6 and 500 tickets are available to the public at Ticketmaster for between \$149 and \$199. METRO CALGARY

Speech gets mixed reviews

Reviews on the Stelmach government's throne speech were mixed, with the official opposition casting doubt, and Calgary business leaders showing cautious optimism.

Alberta Liberal Leader David Swann said recent changes underscore the scrambling of the Stelmach government.

"It has become completely apparent that the cupboard is bare. There's no policy, no ideas, no legislation, no vision, no leadership ... dare I say, no plan."

The Calgary Chamber of Commerce said they were very encouraged by the focus on competitiveness in the throne speech, including government commitments to the energy industry, reduction of inter-



Lt.-Gov. Norman Kwong reads the speech from the throne in Edmonton Thursday.

provincial trade barriers, and greater fiscal restraint. Heather Douglas, presi-

dent and CEO of the Calgary Chamber of Commerce, said the Alberta

Competitiveness Act is a good start. "It is a smart and timely move to rebuild the province's economic foundations through a responsive, supportive fiscal and regulatory framework, and ensure we are in the best position to compete globally."

Douglas also pointed out the government's commitment to infrastructure and education as drivers for prosperity in the province.

However, the throne speech didn't impress the Alberta NDP.

"Anyone who was expecting this throne speech to tell them where the PC government was taking Alberta is sadly disappointed today," said NDP Leader Brian Mason.

"In my years in politics I have never seen a throne speech as vague," Mason said. METRO CALGARY

Fundraising limits a step in right direction: Pincott

POLITICS Thursday's provincial proclamation of Bill 203 should change the face of municipal campaign spending, a Calgary alderman said Thursday.

Ward 11 Ald. Brian Pincott said although the legislation, which limits municipal campaign donations to \$5,000 and forbids incumbents from keeping fundraising overages after they leave office, is a good start — it's not perfect.

"The wild west days of municipal campaign financing had to come to an end," said Pincott.

He said the provincial de-



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Ald. Brian Pincott

cision and a recent city council mandate are good indicators that the issue of campaign financing is starting to be taken seriously.

Calgary has a municipal election coming in October of this year.

DARREN KRAUSE/METRO CALGARY

1/3 of Canadians live too far for heart attack treatment: Study

HEALTH A new study says just over a third of Canadians live too far away from a specialized hospital to get optimal treatment for a heart attack.

The University of Calgary research looked at how many Canadians live within an hour of a hospital that's equipped to open a blocked blood vessel to the heart.

More than 70 per cent of people in Ontario can ac-

cess the treatment in that time, while some areas, such as Prince Edward Island and the three territories, don't have a single facility that performs the procedure.

Senior author Dr. William Ghali says the fact that 64 per cent of Canadians can access the treatment within an hour is pretty good considering our population.

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AHEARN, Ruth Mary (Cook)
ALGER, Harry Elliott
ASHMORE, Gwyneth Mary (nee Etherington)
BAHNUIK, Walter (Marvin)
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BERTIE, Mike
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ENJENESKI, Stanley
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HINES, John Franklin
KOTOWSKI, Martin August Anton
KROMM, Howard
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MACDONALD, Alan Hugh
MOGHADAM, Hossein (Dr. Joe)
NATHOO, Arif Suleman
OCAMPO, Francisca Donalvo
PERKINS, Kathleen
PREST, Gordon Alexander
PYKE, Evelyn Theresa Mary (nee Cormier)
REINHOLDT, (Avery), Hudson Aksel John
ROSS, Grant Arnett, PhD, PEng
SACKVILLE, Archibald (Archie) Gordon
SAUNDERS, Doris Edith (nee Marsden)
SCHOFIELD, Beatrice (Bea) (nee Hendrickson)
SHOWMAN, Robert Kennedy
SLATER, Marjorie Ellen (nee Bunyan)
TURNER, Robert (Bob)
VELDHOF, Murray
WARRINER, Gordon Edward (Ed)
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Video Danny Williams is recovering from heart surgery performed Thursday in the United States, at metronews.ca/canada

Video Hundreds occupied a Nova Scotia government building Thursday, demanding the province save a high-speed ferry, at metronews.ca/canada

News in brief

FUNDRAISER In a final tally for Calgary's first large scale social media fundraiser, organizers from YYC4Haiti announced on Shine FM Thursday morning that the Jan. 28 event topped initial indications of around \$30,000 raised — and actually raised \$35,000. After the government fulfills a pledge to match the raised funds, the total contribution from the event will be \$70,000. METRO CALGARY

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Boxer has 2012 Games in sights

Transplanted Newfoundlander national champ in 54-kg weight

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Calgary professional by day. Olympic-bound female boxer by night.

Living what some would call a double life, Erin Woodrow, 26, is a Suncor oil and gas business professional who recently captured the National title in the 54-kg weight category and is well on her way to her 2012 Olympic dream. "Next up is the Olympics and it's closer than ever now. That's always been the goal, and also winning a national title," Woodrow said, adding she is the first female from Newfoundland to win the title.

Training for hours daily before and after work, Woodrow is also doing night classes to finish her master's degree in commerce, and says time management is almost tougher than the bouts.

"It's pretty hectic and sometimes I wonder what I'm doing, but then I realize it's all really worth it. I've always loved boxing."

Woodrow began boxing



Erin Woodrow just won the 2010 Canadian Amateur Boxing tournament in Quebec recently and now has her eyes set on the 2012 Summer Olympics.

Upcoming bouts

- Woodrow has won most of her last 14 bouts and in a few weeks will defend her national

title in Halifax, followed by a world championship and the Commonwealth Games.

as a teenager, won at the intermediate level, but dropped it for a few years

until she moved to Calgary and joined the Impact Boxing Gym led by owner and

trainer Louie Raposo.

"I think her success stems from her dedication and work ethic. She is a very hard worker, she is a quick learner and she stays very focused," a proud Raposo said.

"She's like my daughter. I wasn't going to train her at first but I'm glad I did."

Alta. big spender: U of C report

PUBLIC POLICY A paper released by the University of Calgary says the Alberta government would have to cut spending by \$5 billion to bring its spending in line with the other provinces. The report by the University's School of Public Policy says per capita spending in Alberta is 40 per cent higher than Ontario and 30 per cent higher than British

Columbia.

Ken Boessenkool, who wrote the paper, says it would make more sense for the province to cut spending to deal with its deficit than to increase taxes or rely on economic growth.

Alberta's latest budget will be released Tuesday by newly appointed Finance Minister Ted Morton. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**



Ted Morton

CN planning terminal near city

RAILWAYS CN, Canada's largest railway, plans to invest \$100 million to set up a new intermodal terminal and warehousing centre near Calgary.

The planned new freight handling development is located in Conrich, a community in Rocky View County northeast of Calgary.

When completed, the 272-hectare park will include an intermodal terminal

with room for the railway's customers, as well as a multi-commodity loading and warehouse operation, an auto compound and liquid and chemicals handling infrastructure.

"We are very excited about business prospects in Alberta and this investment in the Calgary area," Claude Mongeau, CN president and chief executive, said in a release. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

News in brief

FUNDRAISER A group of city doctors are fundraising to buy new diagnostic equipment for hospital emergency rooms. The doctors want new ultrasound machines in Rockyview, Foothills and Loughheed emergency departments and are trying to raise \$300,000.

DELISTED The University of Cal-

gary has been removed from the Chinese government's list of accredited universities, say reports. The students most likely to be impacted are the 575 Chinese nationals, school officials say. The move comes just months after the Dalai Lama received a honorary doctorate at the school. **METRO CALGARY**

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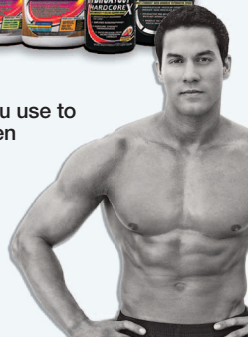
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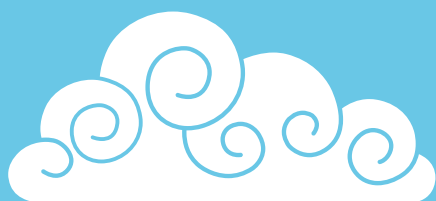
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Despite spending last weekend in jail on drug charges, Ed DeVries is not about to shut the Qikiqtani Compassion Club, what is almost certainly the most northerly — and perhaps the most popular — medical marijuana club in Canada. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Canada



Prosecutors seek publication ban

Military prosecutors are seeking a publication ban on some of the evidence to be presented at the court martial of a Canadian officer accused of killing a wounded Taliban fighter on the battlefield. Lawyers will ask the court on Friday to ban the public from hearing the entire contents of a witness affidavit to be used against Capt. Robert Semrau, left.

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Buy U.S. deal reached

Canada poised for exemption from protectionist rules

Canada and the United States will announce Friday that the year-long dispute over protectionist Buy American provisions has finally been resolved, The Canadian Press has learned.

A source familiar with the negotiations suggested that Canada would be granted a Buy American exemption involving any contracts funded from what remains of the \$787-billion US economic stimulus package passed by Congress last year.

The White House will make it clear to states and municipalities that Buy American requirements don't need to apply to Canadian companies, the source said. That would leave states and municipal-

Trade irritant

Buy American has been a major trade irritant between the United States and Canada since Congress inserted the provisions in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act a year ago. That legislation was aimed at pulling the U.S. out of a devastating recession.

ities free to exempt Canadian manufacturers if they want to.

In return, Canadian provinces and municipalities will give the green light to American firms bidding on projects north of the border.

"The big question now is how quickly it will lock in

for uncommitted U.S. stimulus money," one source said. But others pointed out that even though the deal comes just two weeks before the deadline for spending the stimulus money, it's a significant development in contemporary Canada-U.S. relations. It means the U.S. is now recognizing that the two countries' economies are intricately linked.

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Rideau Hall Act of bravery



Gov. Gen. Michaëlle Jean presents eight-year-old Kelsey Roy of Carleton Place, Ont., with the Medal of Bravery during a ceremony at Rideau Hall in Ottawa on Thursday. Roy saved her mother who fell through the ice on Mississippi Lake.

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RCMP seeks third-party probes

LAW AND ORDER The RCMP plans to ask outsiders to investigate serious incidents involving Mounties.

Commissioner William Elliot says cases in which officers are linked to death, serious injury or criminal behaviour will be referred to provincial or federal organizations for

investigation. Elliot says the policy also allows the national force to ask an "external law-enforcement agency or other duly authorized investigative agency" to conduct the probe. And in cases where that's not possible, the RCMP may appoint at least two Mounties from another

province, along with independent observers to review their findings.

Any officers assigned to investigating their own will be screened for possible conflict of interest and, where possible, the primary investigator should outrank the subject.

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News in brief

PIPELINE A B.C. Oil and Gas Commission report into a toxic gas leak last fall in northeastern B.C., where there have been a series of pipeline bombings, paints an alarming

picture of the emergency response by well operator En-Cana.

SURGERY Premier Danny Williams is recovering from heart surgery performed on

Thursday in the United States. Deputy premier Kathy Dunderdale says surgery on the premier of Newfoundland and Labrador went well.

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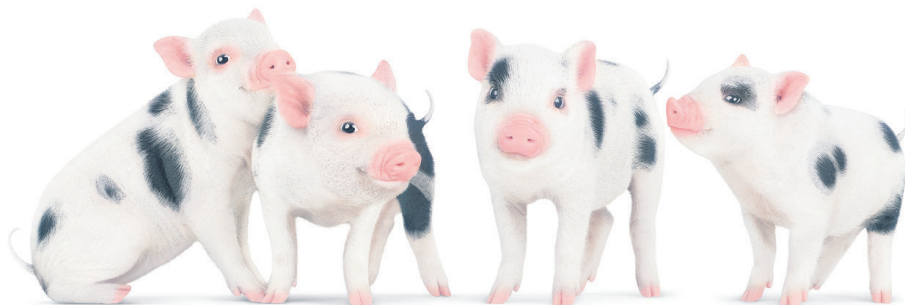
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Stepping outside the box

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The official announcement commencing the redevelopment of the first phase of the Currie Barracks is a big step for our city, but we're not stepping out of the box yet — and we should.

For those Calgarians who can afford the minimum \$700,000 price tag, the sale of the first number of houses to be built in the former military base kicked off Thursday. But it's a development that will be out of reach for most Calgarians.

It's not all bad news — the project has received gold certification for Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design Neighbourhood. It's not your average cookie-cutter plan, instead mixing retail, office and residential in a transit-oriented and foot-friendly plan while preserving local history, community character, mature trees and vegetation.

But like I said, most of us won't be able to live there — or in any kind of similar development, despite the much-promoted "diversity" of housing options being planned for the area. This is where we should be stepping out of the box. The housing options for the area include traditional cost-prohibitive mansions and detached houses in the first phase with townhouses and condos in later phases of the 10-year build — all cost-prohibitive options for people with low to moderate incomes.

"This means this new desirable community, like most others in Calgary, will effectively exclude low to moderate income earners."

There's been no mention of affordable or subsidized housing units, co-operative or non-profit housing, rental units or co-housing communities. It's not to say some of these more affordable options couldn't be within the realm of possibilities for the 200-acre Canadian Forces Base, but they haven't been mentioned and they're not required.

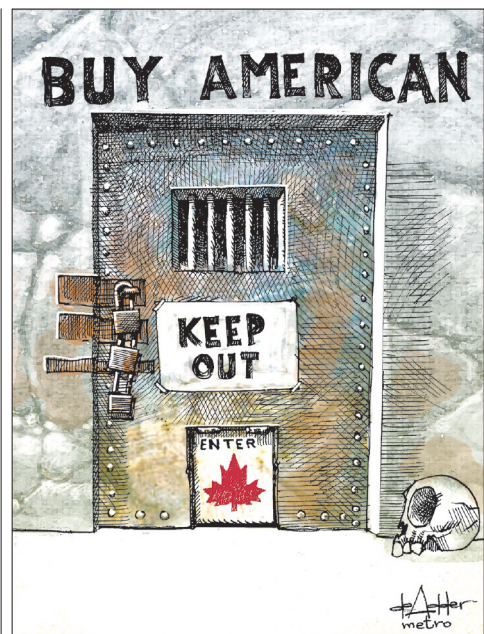
This means this new desirable community, like most others in Calgary, will effectively exclude low to moderate income earners.

Other municipalities are doing a better job of incorporating genuine housing diversity into their communities.

Vancouver adopted an inclusionary housing policy in 1988 requiring 20 per cent of housing to be affordable in rezoned areas. San Francisco has a wider-reaching approach, obliging any project of five units or more to include 15 to 20 per cent affordable housing. Other jurisdictions are following suit.

Without incentives or regulations to ensure housing is accessible to people of all income levels in all communities, we're essentially endorsing class segregation and as long as that's happening, I can't get too excited about any new community in Calgary.

Adrienne Beattie is a Calgary-born writer who has covered urban issues since 2001 and has an English degree from the University of Calgary.



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World

Deadly day for civilians and militants alike

A suicide car bomber detonated his explosives near a hotel in southern Afghanistan, killing at least six people and wounding nearly two dozen, officials said.

Thursday's blast in Kandahar occurred as NATO and Afghan forces prepare for a joint offensive against Taliban militants in the neighbouring province of Helmand in a major bid to break the Taliban stranglehold on the south.

A policeman in the district where the blast happened, Ahmed Shah Khan, said the bomber's target was not immediately clear, and the explosives may have detonated prematurely. The six killed, including a child, were near the hotel, according to hospital official Mohammad Ibrahim.

Anti-IED expertise

- The U.S. is considering a plan that would give NATO allies access to some of the equipment and expertise used by American troops to deter roadside bombs.

He said 18 people were wounded.

NATO has sent reinforcements into Kandahar, fearing the Taliban are encroaching on the city of 800,000 people. At the same time, the international community launched a program of economic aid and development projects.

NATO and Afghan forces also killed 32 suspected militants in Helmand as troops there gear up for a push to capture the town of Marjah, officials said Thursday.

A start date for the Marjah offensive has not been released for security reasons.

The operation will be the first major offensive since U.S. President Barack Obama ordered 30,000 more American troops to Afghanistan, and many of the Marines set to participate arrived as part of the surge. Marjah is the largest city in the south under Taliban control.

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News in brief

SPACE The planet Pluto is changing its looks, donning more red in its complexion and altering its iceball surface here and there. Colour astronomers were surprised. Newly released U.S. Hubble Space Telescope photos show the distant one-time planet — demoted to “dwarf planet” status in 2006 — is changing colour and its ice sheets are shifting. The pictures show icy frozen nitrogen on Pluto’s surface growing and shrinking, brightening in the north and darkening in the south.

ROMANIA A poet who has led the way in publishing secret police files from Romania's communist past is being denied further access to the information. The government says Mircea Dinescu will be removed from the National Council for the Study of the Archives of Romania's former Securitate secret police because his ownership of two agricultural companies makes him "incompatible" with public office. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Haiti **Americans charged**



Corinna Lankford, right, and her daughter Nicole arrive at court in a police truck in Port-au-Prince Thursday. The 10 Idaho missionaries who tried to take Haitian children out of the country were charged with kidnapping. Their Haitian lawyer defending them saying nine of the Americans are innocent.

President bans 'big and stupid' mockery

INDONESIA Enraged by protesters likening him to a “big and stupid” water buffalo, Indonesia’s president has ordered the beasts and other animals banned at street rallies, a decision some Indonesians said shows their leader can’t

The ban follows a demonstration last week in which protesters — who accused President Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono of failing to fight corruption — tried to parade a water buffalo with Yudhoyono's

name spray-painted on it through the city's main traffic circle.

Yudhoyono was not thrilled with the comparison to a beast of burden that is a symbol of peasant rice farmers in Indonesia.

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Adoring crowds and TV viewers watched Thursday as American-born giant pandas Mei Lan and Tai Shan were loaded onto a special cargo jet in Washington for a flight to their new homes in China for breeding. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Man gets 10 years in jail for raping daughter

A Polish court has convicted a man who held his daughter captive for six years, raped her repeatedly and fathered two sons with her. Krzysztof Bartoszek was sentenced Thursday to 10 years in prison.

The entirety of the Polish trial took place behind closed doors to protect the daughter, now 23, and other family members. Reporters and TV cameras were only allowed in the court briefly Thursday to hear part of the verdict read.

Janusz Sulima, a spokesman for the court, said Bartoszek, 47, was found guilty of multiple counts of rape, sexual acts with a minor and physical and psychological abuse against the daughter and other family members, among other charges.

Bartoszek admitted having sex with his daughter

Parallels

• The trial of Krzysztof Bartoszek began after the conclusion of the case in Austria against Josef Fritzl, who was found guilty of imprisoning his daughter in a dungeon for 24 years and fathering her seven children. The parallels led the Polish media to dub Bartoszek the "Polish Fritzl."

but insisted it was consensual. As he walked out of the court, he told reporters he plans to appeal.

Bartoszek has been in custody since 2008, when his wife and daughter came forward with the allegations.

The daughter told police at the time that her father had raped her repeatedly while keeping her captive for six years in a room with no door handles.

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India Natural procession



Indian security forces stand guard Thursday as naked Hindu holy men take part in a procession as part of the festival of Kumbh Mela.

News in brief

LONDON Legislators are calling on Britain's government to ban Chinese paper lanterns because of a risk to cows, sheep and other livestock. The large lanterns, which are made of paper and a wire frame, are often released into the air to mark weddings or other celebrations. Often, the lanterns can drift for several kilometres

and land in rural fields. Baroness Janet Fookes says the decorations pose a danger to animals. Cattle have eaten the frames and died.

ACID Cambodia plans to draft a new law in a bid to stop the growing number of attacks in which jealous wives, vengeful businessmen and others have hurled acid at their rivals, a

government official said. More than 10 people were assaulted with acid in 2009, and three last month alone, according to a group that helps victims of the attacks. "For the attackers, using acid to attack opponents is very easy, not hard to hide like guns," said Deputy Minister of Interior Teng Savong.

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Judge: ISP's not responsible for piracy

SYDNEY An Australian judge ruled Thursday that an Internet service provider cannot be held accountable for illegal movie downloads by its customers, in a test case of a key strategy by entertainment companies to combat online piracy.

The judge said it was the first time a court had ruled on the question of whether an ISP should be liable for copyright violations by its users, and one expert said the decision would have global implications.

A group of 34 movie companies, including Australian branches of Hollywood studios Universal Pictures, Warner Bros. and 20th Century Fox, claimed Australia's third-largest Internet provider, iiNet, breached their film copyrights by failing to stop users from illegally downloading files. Justice Dennis Cowdroy ruled that while iiNet knew its users violated copyrights, that did not mean the provider was authorizing breaches.

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New design for Heinz ketchup packs

The ketchup packet has been around for more than 40 years, and complaints about it for nearly as long. Now ketchup giant H.J. Heinz Co. is unveiling the first major packaging change to the to-go condiment. The new design has a base that's more like a cup for dipping and also a tear-off end for squeezing. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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No quick return to good ol' days: Carney

Recovery from the global recession is at hand, but Canadian workers and companies should not assume a quick return to the good, old days, Bank of Canada governor Mark Carney is warning.

The global recession has dramatically changed the way the world economy will work, he said, and both corporations and labour in Canada will need to make serious adjustments if they want to flourish.

"The thaw is coming," Carney said in the text of a speech to be delivered to the Winnipeg Chamber of Commerce Thursday. "Canada is entering this period of adjustment with many strengths, but the ef-

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forts required of us will be historic."

Carney is not convinced Canada's private sector has positioned itself to take advantage of the recovery.

While corporate balance sheets are strong and financial conditions are improving, Canadian companies did not invest strategically in their operations during the recession, so their technology is behind the times,

the central banker said.

Plus, the competitive position of the U.S. corporate sector is stronger than ever, Carney warned.

Canadian companies can no longer rely on American demand, but they can count on stiffer U.S. competition in global markets, he said.

"In short, Canadian companies are emerging from the recession to an altered world — one that may require deeper restructuring and bolder strategic initiatives than currently contemplated."

Global growth will only resume in fits and starts, he said, and will be led by emerging markets where Canadians have few inroads. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Business in brief

TOYOTA Japan's top business newspaper Nihon Keizai is reporting Toyota Motor Corp. will recall 270,000 Prius hybrid vehicles over brake problems

in the United States and Japan. Meanwhile, Toyota Canada says it's aware of a "small number" of reports of what it calls inconsistent brake feel

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Joojoo jumps into the tablet market

The Joojoo, a Web-browsing tablet device that's the subject of a high-profile Silicon Valley legal dispute, appears on track to reach early buyers at the end of February.

The flat touch-screen computer was known until December as the Crunch-Pad, after the technology blog TechCrunch. It was born from a post by the blog's well-connected and outspoken founder, Michael Arrington, that called for collaborators on a "dead simple and dirt cheap touch screen Web tablet." Singapore-based Chandrasekar Rathakrishnan stepped up. His software startup, Fusion Garage, worked with Arrington and his team until November. At that point the project imploded, with Fusion Garage announcing it would sell

Blueberry

• CSL, which makes BlackBerry-like phones it calls Blueberry, will also be an investor in the startup's next round of funding, expected to close in the next two weeks.

the device under a new name — and without Arrington's involvement.

Despite a federal lawsuit filed by Arrington, Rathakrishnan said yesterday that production of the Joojoo is under way. CSL Group, a Malaysia-based mobile phone and netbook maker, is subsidizing production costs in exchange for an undisclosed revenue share, Rathakrishnan said.

Arrington is seeking damages and to keep Fusion Garage from selling or prof-

iting from the Joojoo device. His lawyer didn't return a message seeking comment about whether they might take further legal action.

The tablet landscape has changed dramatically since the Joojoo was first unveiled. At the International Consumer Electronics Show in January, Hewlett-Packard Co., Dell Inc. and others presented tablet prototypes. Less than a month later, Apple Inc. took the wraps off a long-anticipated version it calls the iPad.

Apple's iPhone upended the smart phone category, leaving competitors scrambling to come out with touch-screen phones and application stores of their own. Many analysts expect Apple's iPad to define the tablet category in the same way.

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Drake Energy buys two new assets

ACQUISITION Drake Energy Ltd. has completed two acquisitions in a "key area" for the company in Alberta, the oil and gas concern announced yesterday.

Under the deal completed Jan. 27 and effective retroactive to July 1, 2009, Drake bought the remaining 25 per cent working interest in its Sousa prop-

erty and 40 per cent of the 13-06 Jenner well from a partner, a private oil and gas company currently in receivership.

The assets were purchased for \$250,000 in cash and the offset of receivables due from the partner.

"Sousa is a key area for Drake," company president Neil Orr said in a

news release. "This acquisition gives us an effective 100 per cent interest in the area and allows us to pursue our expansion program as quickly and effectively as we can."

Drake shares were unchanged at 11 cents in midday trading Thursday on the TSX Venture Exchange.

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The Source boosts BCE bottom line

TELECOM BCE Inc., owner of the country's largest phone company, says its acquisition of The Source electronics stores and the remaining half of Virgin Mobile Canada helped increase its fourth-quarter revenues by 3.9 per cent.

BCE's overall revenue rose to \$4.65 billion for the final three months of last year, while its net earnings in the fourth quarter were \$350 million, or 46 cents per common share. A year earlier, BCE lost \$48 million or six cent per share.

As usual, telephone division Bell Canada provided the biggest share of the Montreal company's overall revenue. Bell's sales rose by nearly \$200 million to \$3.98 billion.

The Source, a national Canadian retailer acquired last year by BCE after Circuit City went bankrupt and closed its U.S. stores, helped Bell increase equipment and other revenue to \$324 million in the quarter from \$143 million a year before.

"We met or exceeded all of the increased financial guidance targets that we set (in August) for the company ... and we balanced that financial performance with good subscriber growth from strong holiday sales," chief financial officer Siim Vanaselja said on a conference call.

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Sports

NFL union exec predicts lockout

NFL Players Association executive director DeMaurice Smith, right, says the chance of a lockout after next season is a "14" on a scale of 1-to-10. Painting a bleak labour outlook Thursday, Smith said the NFL would receive \$5 billion US from its network television deals even if no games are played in 2011. He regarded that as proof owners are preparing for a lockout. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**



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Kovalchuk traded to Devils

Atlanta deals captain after he rejects \$100M contract offer

Ilya Kovalchuk and the Atlanta Thrashers have parted ways.

Atlanta general manager Don Waddell dealt his captain to the New Jersey Devils on Thursday night, matching one of the Eastern Conference's top teams with one of the game's most dangerous snipers.

The Thrashers felt forced to trade Kovalchuk after failing to re-sign him.

They received forward Niclas Bergfors, defenceman Johnny Oduya, prospect Patrice Cormier and a 2010 first-round pick from the Devils.

"When you have to trade this type of player it's not easy but we came to the

conclusion that we weren't going to get him to sign," Waddell said on conference call Thursday night. "It's been a very tough day for all of us."

New Jersey also received defenceman Anssi Salmela in the deal and the teams swapped 2010 second-round draft picks.

A sombre Waddell noted Kovalchuk's contributions on and off the ice over the past eight years, but added that the trade brought fresh faces that should help boost the

Thrashers in the future.

"It's a bittersweet day," he added. "Now we have to move forward and look at the positive side of things."

The fourth significant NHL deal in less than a week was arguably the biggest. Kovalchuk

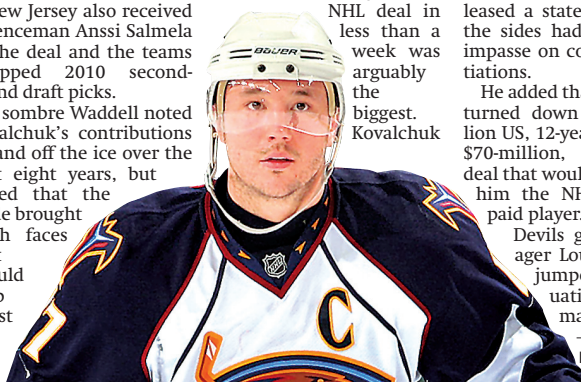
leads all NHLers with 328 goals since being drafted first overall by Atlanta in 2001.

The move came just hours after Waddell released a statement saying the sides had reached an impasse on contract negotiations.

He added that Kovalchuk turned down a \$101-million US, 12-year deal and a \$70-million, seven-year deal that would have made him the NHL's highest-paid player.

Devils general manager Lou Lamoriello jumped at the situation and made the deal,

Ilya Kovalchuk



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noting that while the Devils gave away a lot, they have the depth in the organization to overcome it.

He added that the Devils' recent scoring slump played a part.

"We felt Kovalchuk was a player who could come and fill the need that we felt we had for an explosive scorer," Lamoriello said.

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Sports in brief

CURLING A spot in the final will be on the line Friday evening at the Scotties Tournament of Hearts. Canada's Jennifer Jones scored one in the tenth end to beat Ontario's Krista McCarville 6-5 on Thursday night and clinch a spot in Friday's page playoff. Jones will face off against Kathy O'Rourke's P.E.I. rink on Friday with the winner moving onto the final. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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Nascar enters crucial season

Ask anyone in NASCAR about the many, many industry ailments and the answer is that everything will be just fine.

They better be right. NASCAR opened at Daytona International Speedway on Thursday for the first practice session of what's expected to be one of the most critical seasons in the sport's history.

Faced with slumping attendance and television ratings, and economic woes that have handcuffed teams and manufacturers, NASCAR has planned a series of adjustments designed to re-energize the industry.

There's no doubt that it's a clear reaction to growing fan unrest.

"I think the fans want to see results," veteran driver Jeff Burton said.

"The fans have been speaking for the last several years saying we want to see different stuff. I think if we give it to them, and it's different, and the racing doesn't improve from it, then yeah, this is a critical year."

The first test was expected to be Saturday night in the exhibition Budweiser Shootout, when 24 drivers

More excitement

- NASCAR has relaxed its stance on bump-drafting and aggressive driving, and has encouraged participants to whittle down their obligatory sponsor plugs and start showing some real emotion. It's a clear response to fan complaints that drivers had become too corporate, and that NASCAR's restrictions had ruined the racing at Daytona and Talladega.

will run the first race under NASCAR's new "Boys, have at it" policy that green-lighted aggressive driving.

But the drivers didn't even make it through Thursday's first practice session without incident. Contact between Denny Hamlin and Mark Martin triggered a multi-car accident that destroyed several cars.

It was a preview of what fans can expect during the lead-in to the Feb. 14 season-opening Daytona 500.

"Trust me, we're not finished," warned Greg Biffle. "It's going to be awesome."

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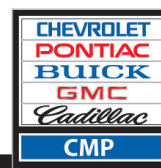
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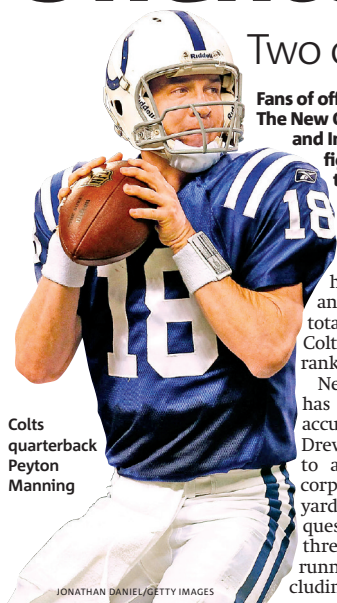
More Canadians were interested in watching the Super Bowl ads this coming Sunday than the big game itself, according to a new poll. The Canadian Press Harris-Decima survey indicates 43 per cent of the people polled hope to see the high-priced commercials, even if they have no intention of watching the game itself. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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Super Bowl XLIV

Offences expected to dominate

Two of football's best quarterbacks should put on a show



Colts quarterback Peyton Manning

Fans of offence, rejoice! The New Orleans Saints and Indianapolis Colts figure to pile on the points in Sunday's Super Bowl.

The Saints scored a league-high 510 points and ranked first in total offence. The Colts scored 416 and ranked ninth.

New Orleans (15-3) has the game's most accurate quarterback, Drew Brees, throwing to a deep receiving corps led by 1,000-yard wideout Marques Colston. He has three dependable running backs, including the mercurial

SUPER BOWL PREVIEW

Colts vs. Saints



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Reggie Bush. Both his tight ends, Jeremy Shockey and David Thomas, find holes in the middle of defences and move the chains.

Indianapolis (16-2) offers Peyton Manning, the only four-time MVP, throwing to a deep group of targets led by two 1,000-yard receivers: Reggie Wayne and tight end Dallas Clark.

And while the Colts' D has been stingy in the playoffs and the Saints force lots of turnovers, this could be a matchup that wears out the scoreboard at Sun Life Stadium.

Indy, winner of the last Super Bowl here three years ago, is a five-point favourite.

"We have to be balanced and mix the run and the pass," Brees said. "We have to have a plan for their pass rush, because we know how they can rush the passer. Take care of the football, try to keep Peyton and that offence off the field as much as possible and take advantage of the opportunities when we get them."

Still, the key to the game will be Manning against a

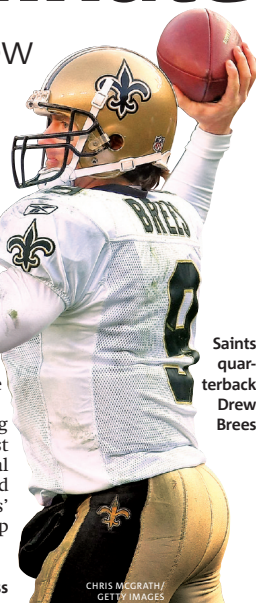
vulnerable New Orleans defence. And that's the difference.

When Darrelle Revis, the best cover cornerback in the league, blanketed Wayne in the AFC title game, Manning looked elsewhere. Youngsters Pierre Garcon and Austin Collie were unstoppable.

Bottom line: Manning may be playing the best football of his sensational career — certainly good enough to win the Colts' second NFL championship in four seasons.

Prediction: Colts, 37-27

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Saints quarterback Drew Brees

Individual matchups will play big part in game's outcome

NFL Here are some of the key matchups to watch for during the Super Bowl between the Indianapolis Colts and New Orleans Saints in Miami on Sunday:

When the Colts have the ball

The Saints' chore on defence is obvious yet very complicated — stop Peyton Manning.

Manning has been marvellous again this season, winning an unprecedented fourth MVP award.

New Orleans must find a pass rush, and DE Will Smith was second in the NFC with 13 sacks. But the Saints have only one in the playoffs, even though they regularly hit Brett Favre last week. DT Sedrick Ellis, DE Bobby McCray and linebackers Jon Vilma, Scott Fujita and Scott Shanle need to pressure Manning, or he will use a deep collection of receivers to pick apart the Saints.

All-Pro tight end Dallas Clark versus another All-Pro, safety Darren Sharper, will be a juicy matchup. Clark had 100 receptions this season, and Sharper tied for the league lead with nine interceptions, running back three for scores. The ball-hawking

Wacky Super Bowl bets

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- Which Super Bowl commercial will have a higher rating on USA Today's annual Ad Meter?

Saints forced 39 turnovers. When the Saints have the ball

New Orleans scored 510 points to lead the league and has 76 in two playoff games. The Saints have gotten everyone involved, with Drew Brees, the NFL's most accurate passer, throwing for six TDs while not being intercepted.

So DEs Robert Mathis and All-Pro Dwight Freeney need to get in his face rapidly, but Freeney is plagued by ligament damage in his right ankle and his availability will be a game-time decision. If the Colts can't get a decent pass rush, Brees will find

- Which sideline reporter will be on TV first after the opening kickoff?
- What colour will the Gatorade be that is dumped on the head coach of the winning Super Bowl team?
- Who will the Super Bowl MVP of the game thank first?
- How many times will CBS show Kim Kardashian on TV during the game?
- Will a member of The Who smash a guitar on stage during the halftime show?

WRs Marques Colston, Devery Henderson, Robert Meachem, and Lance Moore, and TEs Jeremy Shockey and David Thomas. Shockey has been plagued by right knee problems and Thomas has capably filled in.

Dynamic running back Reggie Bush often is a make-or-break proposition for New Orleans, and he's most dangerous in the passing game. Nose tackle Dan Muir and LBs Gary Brackett and Clint Session are the keys to slowing the running attack led by Pierre Thomas, Bush and Mike Bell.

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Whitney, Gleason added to U.S. team

Defencemen Ryan Whitney and Tim Gleason have been named to the U.S. Olympic men's hockey team bound for Vancouver, replacing injured players Mike Komisarek and Paul Martin. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**



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Vancouver Games

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'We're not going there to get silver'

Gold expected for men's hockey team

Steve Yzerman will be thinking it. Every player in the dressing room will be thinking it. Many Canadian hockey fans will be thinking it, too.

Only gold will do for Team Canada at the Vancouver Olympics. And nobody is making any apologies for it.

Never mind Russia is currently the top-ranked country in men's hockey or that Canadian NHL players have two Olympic disappointments to go with their golden moment in 2002. Forget recent failures at the IIHF World Hockey Championship or the fact that no men's team has won Olympic gold on home soil in three decades.

"You've got to set your

sights as high as possible," said veteran defenceman Chris Pronger, about to compete in his fourth Olympics. "We're not going there to get silver. Our goal is not to get a bronze or qualify for a medal. It's to win gold ... I don't think there's one guy if you ask if they think we can win gold, they're going to say, 'Uh, geez, I don't know.'"

If it sounds audacious, that's because it is.

The game's borders have been open for decades and top players from Russia, Sweden, Finland, the U.S. and several other countries have proven themselves to be just as good or better than many Canadians.

The host country may boast more depth than any

other team, but that doesn't assure a medal of any colour at one of the most-anticipated hockey tournaments in history, let alone gold.

Yzerman, the team's executive director, and his management team of Ken Holland, Kevin Lowe and Doug Armstrong spent 14 months traversing North America before selecting the 23 men who will wear the Maple Leaf.

Yzerman made a bold statement with his selections, choosing a team that features 15 Olympic rookies and 12 players that are 25 or younger. It represents both a departure from the veteran squad that flopped to a seventh-place finish in Turin four years ago and a passing of the torch to a

6 Since NHL players started participating in the Olympics six different countries have played in the final: The Czechs and Russians in 1998; Canada and the U.S. in 2002; and Sweden and Finland in 2006. Slovakia could also find itself in the mix this time.

new generation of Canadian players led by Sidney Crosby.

"We didn't specifically go to a younger group or anything, that's just how our roster unfolded," said Yzerman. "We've got a great group of young Canadian stars and at the end of the day, we just felt like a lot of these guys have overtaken some of our veteran guys and were more suitable to be on this team."

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Team Canada men's Olympic hockey executive director Steve Yzerman is facing high expectations for his team.

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For Canada's Winter Olympians the migration from the mountains of Europe and the Nordic trails of Scandinavia is almost complete.

No longer the visitors, they're making their way back to friendly territory.

In one week's time, a generation of athletes born in the land of ice and snow will finally get their chance to play a home game and race over familiar terrain with pride on the line.

Cross-country skier Chandra Crawford won't apologize for feeling more than a little festive.

"As if having the Olympics here in Canada wasn't already an incredible opportunity," the 2006 gold medalist says from her native Canmore, Alta. "The icing on the cake is having the last World Cup before the big Games here at home."

Crawford and her teammates have proven in the past they know what it takes to succeed in their own backyard. Balance and peace of

mind go hand-in-hand with eating food you're used to and getting the rare chance to sleep in your own bed.

In cross-country skiing, Canadians are the underdogs — the exceptions to the rule being the big races that are occasionally staged in Alberta's Rocky Mountains or the trails of interior British Columbia. At the 1988 Olympic site in Canmore, and at Silver Star near Kelowna, the Canucks tend to fight for the podium and sometimes win.

Olympic medallists Beckie Scott, Sara Renner and Chandra Crawford are a testament to that. It's a history that fuels Crawford's optimism as she tunes up for Vancouver/Whistler 2010.

"It's making for amazing preparation," she says. "Nowhere do I feel more grounded and supported and able to ski my best than in the stadium where I first tried cross-country skiing 25 years ago at the age of 1."

The place where dreams begin is often the same place where they are realized. It's all about having the comfort to compete on your own terms.

"I find myself feeling that 'ready-to-fly' state of mind," Crawford explains. "It's thanks to all of the smiles and encouragement I get by just being here and knowing all of the volunteers by name."

It must be so satisfying to race when everyone knows and cares about you. Maybe it's the homecoming all Canadian athletes can count on at the most important time of their lives.



Gemini Award winner and author Scott Russell is the Host of CBC Sports Weekend seen Saturday afternoons. A 20-year CBC Sports veteran, he has covered a variety of professional and amateur sports including nine Olympic games and numerous world championships.

Chandra Crawford

Torch receives aboriginal blessing

CEREMONY One of four First Nations communities that have been given an official role in the Winter Games welcomed the Olympic torch to their traditional territory on Thursday, blessing the "sacred" flame as it entered a region that has been waiting for this moment for nearly a decade.

Hundreds of residents of the Squamish First Nation packed a hall in Stawamus, just south of the town of Squamish, as the brightly burning flame was carried in to the beat of aboriginal drumming.

"Thank you for blessing this sacred fire that has been shared throughout the world," Laverne Baker, a Squamish elder, told the crowd during a traditional blessing ceremony.

Squamish is one of the so-called Four Host First Nations, a collection of bands that each received \$20 million in government land and cash in exchange for their support of the Games on their traditional territories.

After the blessing, the flame was passed onto another waiting torch — as it

has thousands of times since the cross-country relay began last fall — and continued on its way along the Sea to Sky Highway.

The Olympic flame has passed through every province and territory, travelling as far north as Alert, Nunavut, before arriving Thursday in the region where the dreams to host the 2010 Winter Games first began.

The torch passed through the town of Squamish on Thursday evening, and on Friday is bound for Whistler. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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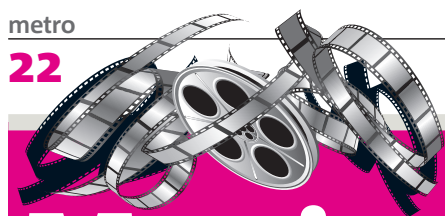
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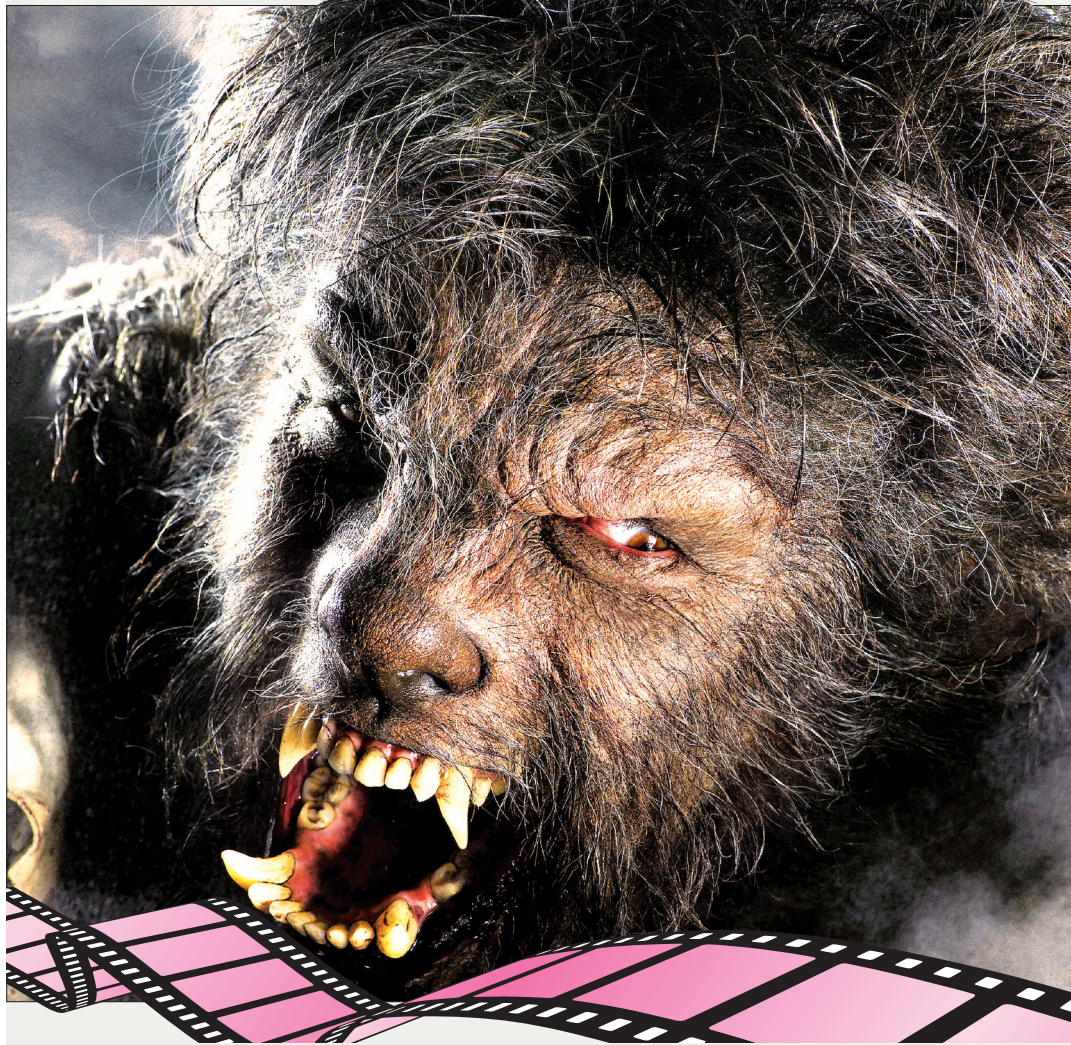
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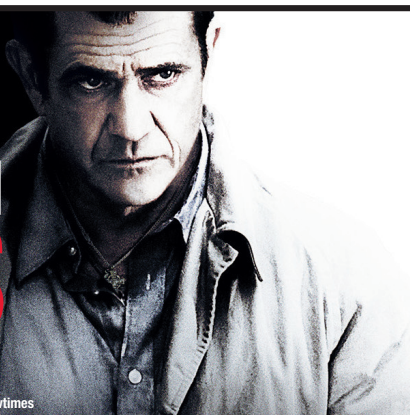
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The beast rises again

Don't bark at New Moon, The Wolfman's here

CHRIS ALEXANDER
for Metro Canada

In the annals of monsterdom, the werewolf is perhaps the most misunderstood. Steeped in myth, he is really just the Freudian "id" with fangs, let loose to wreak animalistic, moon-fuelled havoc.

But when it comes to cinema, the werewolf's initial incarnation wasn't entirely literal. Writer Robert Louis Stevenson first explored the themes of primal duality with his famous 1866 novella *The Strange Case of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde*, and the silent 1920 film version with John Barrymore made it flesh.

Telling the tale of an upstanding man of science ac-

cidentally morphing into his dark half, a slobbering, out of control lunatic with bizarre tastes, it set the tone for the animalistic frights to come.

"I always loved the ferocity of that story, the unchained animal hiding within, ready to erupt," says Tony Timpone, longtime editor of legendary horror magazine *Fangoria*.

In 1941, Universal Pictures unleashed the original *The Wolf Man* starring Lon Chaney Jr. as a young man cursed with wolf-ism by a vengeful gypsy and whose unfortunate reign of terror could only be brought down by a silver bullet.

That angle became the template for the contemporary werewolf legend, repeated again in scores of

Leaders of pack

Essential werewolf films:

- **The Curse of The Werewolf (1961):** Oliver Reed made his first screen appearance in this elegant, frightening, fairy tale.
- **An American Werewolf in London (1981):** A dark, irreverent masterpiece of the genre.
- **Dog Soldiers (2002):** Neil Marshall's blend of macho action and werewolf terror is a contemporary classic.

international offerings including Hammer Films inspired and still frightening 1961 creeper, *The Curse of the Werewolf*.

In 1981, with the advent of prosthetic special effects, John Landis' *An American Werewolf in London* and Joe Dante's *The Howling* offered cheeky, bloody, sexual riffs on the legend and broke shocking

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new ground with scenes of men violently, painfully morphing into monsters.

But if the shirtless beefcake beasts of last year's blockbuster *Twilight* sequel *New Moon* make you long for these more feral fiends of yore, take heart: Joe Johnson's hirsute horror-show *The Wolfman* is both a tribute to the melancholy Universal original and the gory, effects-soaked spectacles of the 1980's (*American Werewolf* FX guru Rick Baker even created the transformation scenes).

"Men love his power and women are attracted to his danger," says Timpone of the iconic monster. "So yeah, bring on the beast!"



The Wolfman, starring Benicio Del Toro, follows in the footsteps of classics such as *An American Werewolf in London* (inset).

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Dear John

Director: Lasse Hallstrom

Stars: Channing Tatum,

Amanda Seyfried

Classification: PG

Rating: ●●

PHIL BROWN
for Metro Canada

Channing Tatum and Amanda Seyfried star in *Dear John*.

REVIEW *Dear John* is the latest romantic weepy adapted from a novel by Nicholas Sparks (*A Walk to Remember*, *The Notebook*). Like all previous movies to spring from his sentimental pen, *Dear John* doesn't take place in the reality.

If you like watching pretty actors mope around and pine for each other with virginal purity and no emotional complexity, then this movie is for you. It's the cinematic equivalent of a Hallmark card: Cheap, sentimental, and instantly disposable.

The film follows two 20-somethings named John and Savannah who embark on a two-week summer love affair. He's an army lad on leave with a mildly autistic father and she's a sensitive college student with an interest in mental illness.

In sort, they are made (or

written) for each other and their relationship blooms through snail mail as John serves in the army. John's plan to come home is interrupted by 9/11 and he re-enlists, but she can't wait any longer.

This leads to heartbreak until it turns out the Savannah falls for the one man who John can accept because he suffers from cancer and therefore wins audience sympathy by default.

With long passages dedicated to war torn lovers, autism, cancer, and September 11, it's like getting four melodramas for the price of one.

That's a real bargain that will either take you to hankie heaven or send you running from the theatre.

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From Paris with mess

From Paris with Love

Director: Pierre Morel

Stars: John Travolta, Jonathan Rhys Meyers

Classification: 14A

Rating: ●●●

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From Paris with Love sees action guru Luc Besson (Leon: The Professional) reunite with Pierre Morel in an attempt to repeat the surprise success that they had with last year's Taken.

This time the producer/director team have embraced a lighter tone by pairing two Johns (Travolta and Rhys Meyers) in an action buddy comedy set in Paris. On paper the film sounds

like it could be a fun explosion and one-liner packed romp, but sadly it doesn't live up to those expectations. There's a resounding sense that we've seen it all before and the two lead actors are distractingly miscast.

Jonathan Rhys Meyers plays an uptight go-getter trying to worm his way into the CIA who is assigned to escorting John Travolta's experienced special agent through a bullet-filled trip to Paris.

Rhys Meyers insists on doing everything by the book, but Travolta just can't play by the rules. Sound familiar? It is. The only difference is that in this rendition of the well-worn tale, Travolta seems to be playing a gangster complete with a shaved head, bling, and slang that



John Travolta, right, and Jonathan Rhys Meyers navigate through a bullet-riddled thriller in *From Paris with Love*.

the actor and writers don't seem to understand.

From the moment Travolta first appears on screen arguing with airport officials about brining energy drinks into France (the man needs to stay pumped), it's clear that the actor is out of his element.

He's awkwardly playing a role written for someone else.

The same is true of Rhys-Meyers who is far too talented to be playing a straight-laced puppy following Travolta's wild man lead.

The action is fast, furious, and entertaining, but with-

out characters worth caring about it amounts to little more than loud noises.

There is fun to be had watching all the big budget shenanigans, but it can be hard to sit through the tired "snappy" dialogue scenes between the shootouts.

The movie is a mess. It's

an entertaining mess that admittedly some might enjoy as braindead fun, but one that will be quickly forgotten.

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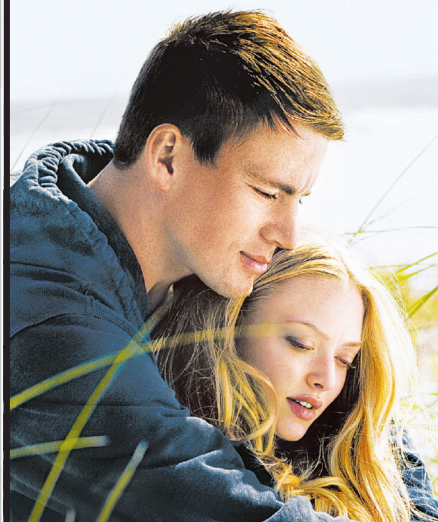
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Cameron talks Avatar sequel

With Avatar being such a giant hit, it comes as no surprise that director James Cameron sees a sequel coming soon. "I haven't started thinking about the story yet, although I have a general story arc for it," Cameron said. **POPEATER.COM**

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Romance written in the stars

Director gathers huge A-list cast for Valentine's

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To wrangle an all-star cast as large as the one in Valentine's Day, it takes a very particular director, and TV and film veteran Garry Marshall was just the man for the job.

The king of the romantic comedy, with films like *Pretty Woman*, *Runaway Bride*, *Frankie & Johnny* and *Overboard* under his belt, the 75-year-old writer, director and merry prankster knew just what the trick for getting the most impressive cast of big-name actors possible. "I always like to shoot in L.A., because in that case you usually pick up the mothers," Marshall says, grinning. "We get a list of

those people, we know they might be around. I was glad to see Julia Roberts, because she was about to take her family to India, so I said, 'Why don't you stay in the neighbourhood for a few days here? We'll do a picture.'"

Re-teaming with Roberts was a particular treat. "Julia's just so calm now and centred and together," Marshall says of his leading lady. "I went from when she was a kid to 'I'm engaged!' and to a mom of three great kids."

But it wasn't just a reunion for director and actress. "Some of the crew I had on Valentine's Day was the same



Patrick Dempsey and Jennifer Garner get cosy in Valentine's Day.

Valentine's Day opens next Friday

crew I had on *Pretty Woman*, so she was happy to see everybody," Marshall.

Marshall was also excited to work with Ashton Kutcher. "I said to Ashton,

'You know, I can make you charming. I know you like to play pranks and jump around. But you're very charming when you're just talking, me and you.'"

But Marshall, himself a fan of a good practical

joke, got caught up in Kutcher's Punk'd spirit.

"In the opening scene, when he wakes up Jessica Alba, we had a ski mask on him," Marshall recalls. Soon enough, the director was playing pranks on other

"Some of the crew I had on Valentine's Day was the same crew I had on *Pretty Woman*, so (Julia Roberts) was happy to see everybody."

Garry Marshall

members of the cast. "When Taylor Lautner opens this box, this lovely gift, Taylor Swift had slipped in a picture of herself autographed to him," he says.

Before his successful film career, Marshall was already a titan in television, having created such classic sitcoms as *Happy Days*, *Laverne & Shirley* and *The Odd Couple*. He's glad to see TV comedy making a resurgence.

"They kept saying sitcoms were dead in the '60s. Suddenly in the '70s everybody had a sitcom," he remembers.

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Sparks king of crying game

InFocus

Richard Crouse

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stained, list of 14 best sellers including *The Lucky One* and *Dear John*, which comes to the big screen this weekend starring the sad-eyed Amanda Seyfried.

His best known work is *The Notebook*, a cross-generational love story that spent over a year as a New York Times hardcover top seller.

Inspired by the story of his wife's grandparents' sixty-year marriage, the novel became a 2004 movie starring Canadians Ryan Gosling and Rachel McAdams. The tale of love and Alzheimer's is emotionally manipulative — writer Gary Pantoni called this passionate tearjerker "mushier than a mushed-up bowl of mushy peas that's just been mushed in an industrial-strength mushifier" — but opening weekend it surfed a wave of tears to the box office top five.

Less seen was *Nights in*



The Notebook, based on Nicholas Sparks' bestselling novel, made stars out of Canadians Ryan Gosling and Rachel McAdams. The film version of *Dear John* hits theatres today.

Rodanthe, a gusher about a doctor who courts an unhappily married woman. Summed up as "the cinematic equivalent of a Harlequin novel with a pack of tissues shoved into the back cover," the movie reunited

Diane Lane and Richard Gere after joint appearances in *The Cotton Club* and *Unfaithful*.

Critics haven't warmed to Sparks' stories on film — *A Walk to Remember* only has a 27 per cent approval rating on Rotten Tomatoes — but audiences

can't seem to get enough of his weepy tales of unrequited love, lost love, mature love and love in a time of trouble.

Four of his books have already been adapted for the movies, two more are being released this year and there is one each scheduled for

"Mushier than a mushed-up bowl of mushy peas that's just been mushed in an industrial-strength mushifier."

Writer Gary Pantoni's description of *The Notebook*

2011 and 2012.

His style of romance has caught on, but don't call him a romance writer.

"I write dramatic fiction. If you go into a further sub-genre, it would be a love story, but it has its roots in the Greek tragedies. This genre evolved through Shakespeare. He did *Romeo and Juliet*. Hemingway did *A Farewell to Arms*. I do this currently today."

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The Boondock Saints II: All Saints Day (18A) Fri-Thu 12:50-9:55
Brothers (STC) Fri-Thu 3:45-7:25
Couples Retreat (PG) Fri-Thu 1:05-4:05-6:50-9:20
Did You Hear About the Morgans? (PG) Fri-Thu 1:10-3:35-6:55-9:35
Fantastic Mr. Fox (PG) Fri-Thu 1:25-3:55-7:20-9:40
Invictus (STC) Fri-Thu 1:35-4:45-6:45-9:30
Law Abiding Citizen (18A) Fri-Thu 12:55-3:25-7:15-9:50
Old Dogs (G) Fri-Thu 1:15-3:30-7:25
Planet 51 (G) Fri-Thu 1:30-3:50-7:05
The Road (14A) Fri-Thu 9:20
The Twilight Saga: New Moon (PG) Fri-Thu 12:45-3:40-7:05-9:45

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Alvin and the Chipmunks: The Squeakquel (G) Fri-Thu 12:30-2:45-5:7-15
Avatar 3D (PG) Fri-Thu 2:30-4:40-6:50-9:10
The Blind Side (PG) Fri-Thu 3:30-6:40-9:40
The Book of Eli (14A) Fri 1:30-4:30-7:40-10:30 Sat-Sun 4:30-7:40-10:30 Mon-Thu 1:30-4:30-7:40-10:30
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The Lovely Bones (PG) Fri-Thu 10:05
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When in Rome (PG) Fri-Thu 12:35-2:55-5:05-7:25-9:50

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Crazy Heart (14A) Fri 7:40-9:40 Sat-Sun 12:10-3:10-7:40 Mon-Wed 7:40-9:40 Thu 3:10-7:40
Dear John (PG) Fri 7:10-9:50 Sat-Sun 12:50-3:50-7:10-9:50 Mon-Wed 7:10-9:50 Thu 3:50-7:10-9:50
The Metropolitan Opera: Simon Boccanegra (STC) Sat 11
Precious: Based on the Novel "Push" by Sapphire (14A) Fri 6:50-9:25 Sat 3:20-6:50-9:25 Sun 12:20-3:20-6:50-9:25 Mon-Wed 6:50-9:25 Thu 3:20-6:50-9:25
Sherlock Holmes (PG) Fri 6:30-9:30 Sat-Sun 12:3-6:30-9:30 Mon-Wed 6:30-9:30 Thu 3-6:30-9:30
A Single Man (STC) Fri 7:20-9:45 Sat-Sun 12:30-3:30-7:20-9:45 Mon-Wed 7:20-9:45 Thu 3:30-7:20-9:45
Up in the Air (14A) Fri 6:50-9:35 Sat-Sun 12:40-3:40-5:50-9:35 Mon-Wed 6:50-9:35 Thu 3:40-5:50-9:35

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Leap Year (PG) SR Dolby Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 12:10
Legion (18A) SR Dolby Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 1:40-4:30-7:45-10:15
The Lovely Bones (PG) SR Dolby Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 9:20
Sherlock Holmes (PG) SR Dolby Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 1:20-4:30-7:20-9:55
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The Book of Eli (14A) SR Dolby Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 12:45-3:30-7:15-10:10
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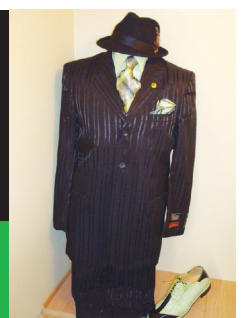
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Music

Hot Chip takes a Stand

BRYAN BORZYKOWSKI
for Metro Canada

Among all of the brash, oversexed dance music out there — Ke\$ha and Lady Gaga to name two — lives a mild manner British act that's taken the club scene by storm.

Hot Chip aren't you're typical band, they're quiet family men for the most part, but their inventive electro sounds and infectious melodies have made them one of the most sought after acts around.

Owen Clarke, who plays guitar, bass and synth in

the five-piece, admits that they don't fit in with their contemporaries, and while they're not quite outsiders as one of his bandmates once said, they've never been part of a specific scene.

"There are usually a few scenes going on at once that are quite overblown," he says as he sits on a train in England. "Some of it is overblown. We're making records for ourselves. We're not quite outsiders, but Hot Chip is kind of an island."

That island is growing, as more and more fans, particularly in North America, get to know the band. Their

last disc, *Made in the Dark* peaked at No. 109 on the Billboard 100 chart and reached No. 2 on Billboard's Top Electronic Albums chart.

Clarke chalks up the group's overseas success — something that eludes many U.K. acts — to the advantage of time. "It's been really gradual," he explains.

With all their recent success, you might think the band would try to emulate their popular last record, but instead the group has made a pretty significant departure. *One Life Stand* is filled with soft soul songs and saccharine lyrics about

love. There are some familiar dance tracks, complete with blips and synth, but a song like *Slush*, which sounds a lot like an old, Elvis-style R&B track, is something totally different.

Part of the change had to do with the band's recording schedule. They took a year off touring to focus on writing music and, says Clarke, they didn't spend much time listening to other acts.

"We wrote almost in isolation," he says. "That meant other influences emerged. Soul has always been on our previous records, but other things,



Inventive electro sounds and infectious melodies have made Hot Chip one of the most sought after acts around. The British five piece released new album *One Life Stand* earlier this week.

maybe more grabby elements, stopped people from hearing that."

Because of the longer writing process, his co-workers have said that *One Life Stand* is their most complete record yet. Clarke agrees.

"The last record was sprawling and almost felt two sided," he says. "It was an attempt to do a double disc without making two albums. It shifted wildly in references, sonically and lyrically. This one synthesizes those areas more."

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Bacon Cheeseburger Roll-Up

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What You Need

- 1 lb. (450 g) lean ground beef
- 4 slices bacon, chopped
- 1 small onion, chopped
- 2/3 cup Cheez Whiz Process Cheese Product
- 1 pkg. (235 g) refrigerated crescent dinner rolls

Make it

HEAT oven to 400°F.

BROWN ground beef with bacon and onions in large skillet; drain. Stir in Cheez Whiz; cook until melted, stirring frequently. Cool 10 min.

UNROLL dough onto baking sheet sprayed with cooking spray.

Press into 14x7-inch rectangle, firmly pressing seams and perforations together to seal. Cover with meat mixture. Roll up dough, starting at 1 long side. Rearrange, if necessary, so roll is seam-side down on baking sheet.

BAKE 20 to 25 min. or until golden brown.

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iPad charts musical course

SoundCheck

Alan Cross

Now that Steve Jobs has shown us the iPad, let's speculate on what it might mean for music.

The resurrection of album artwork: The awesome screen could not only bring back album artwork and liner note, but why not full-motion displays for each song? Interactive liner notes? Parallel song-by-song commentary by the artist or producer that runs through the album just like we have with DVDs?

Soundtracks to books: Book publishers should start hiring music supervisors to compile soundtracks for books they'll soon sell in the iBook store. Can you imagine what a Nick Hornby book might sound like? Naturally, they should make it easy to buy these songs as you read.

More impulse purchases: Last year, I made 97 purchases through the iTunes store, mostly on whims. With an iPad, I can see myself buying even more as I



Why wait for the next issue of Rolling Stone magazine to be delivered when you can get it right away on the iPad?

read ebooks and watch downloaded TV shows. Want that mournful song playing under Meredith's soliloquy in the last act of *Grey's Anatomy*? Just tap to buy. Same with movie soundtracks. If I'm in the music licensing business either as a music supervisor or a publisher, all I see is dollar signs.

The end of traditional printed music magazines: Newspapers are already talking about making their content available on the iPad. So are magazine publishers. Why wait for that monthly issue of Rolling Stone — better yet, those British music mags that take months to make it to Chapters — when you can subscribe to each of them

"Yes, the iPad has its doubters, but so did the iPod. And that turned out fine, didn't it?"

as a service? Constantly updating music magazines with video and interactive features? I'm in.

New Opportunities for traditional radio: Like most iPods (the most current Nano an exception), there's no provision of any kind of old-school radio listening. It's expected that if you want radio, you'll listen to the online stream. There's a huge opportunity for radio companies to adapt their broadcasting models to provide not only real-time streams of their programming but an untold number of services on demand.

With the iPod function, we'll get whatever music we want whenever we want it wherever we are. What about all the other things radio stations offer? Weather? Traffic? Want to hear the morning show again? No problem.

Yes, the iPad has its doubters, but so did the iPod. And that turned out fine, didn't it?

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Stewart-O'Reilly showdown

Comic Jon Stewart told conservative TV host Bill O'Reilly that he has become the voice of sanity on Fox News Channel, although "that's like being the thinnest kid at fat camp."

The host of The Daily Show and Fox's kingpin exchanged some good-natured shots Wednesday during Stewart's appearance on a network he relishes mocking. Stewart tossed off jokes but also criticized Fox for being a "cyclonic perpetual motion machine" opposing President Barack Obama.

"They have taken reasonable concerns about this president and this economy and turned it into a full-fledged panic attack about the next coming of Chairman Mao," Stewart said.

O'Reilly said the Obama attacks were primarily coming from Sean Hannity and Glenn Beck, who have two of the highest-rated programs on Fox. O'Reilly called Beck an "everyman."

"He just spouts," O'Reilly said. "He spouts for what he believes. If you think Beck spouts for the Republican Party, you're out of your

mind."

Fox cut off the taped interview at that point, saying more would be shown Thursday.

Both men have appeared on each other's show before, but it was Stewart's first time back since 2004. O'Reilly annoyed Comedy Central by calling Stewart's audience primarily "stoned slackers"; on Wednesday, he amended it to "stoned slackers who love Obama."

Fox "is the most passionate and sells the clearest narrative of all the news networks, if ... you're still



John Stewart

referring to it in that manner," Stewart said.

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FRIDAY

CA	Vu	SC	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00
243	317	3	CFCN	etalk	Access H.	Flashpoint (DVS)	Ghost Whisperer (N)	Medium (HDTV) (N)	CTV News		
-	-	4	OMNI	King/Queens	The Simpsons	Omni News: S. Asian Edition	Omni News: Cantonese Edition	Two/Half Men	Friends		
-	371	5	KXLY	4 News at 6	4 News at 6:30	Entertainment	Supernanny (N)	Shark Tank (N)	20/20 (N)		
245	306	6	CBRT	Wheel Fortune	Jeopardy! (N)	Rick Mercer	CBC News: the fifth estate (N)	CBC News: The National	The Hour		
244	338	7	CICT	ET Canada	Entertainment	NUMB3RS (HDTV) (N)	House "Instant Karma"	Shark Tank (N)	News Hour		
246	-	8	CKAL	Murdoch Mysteries	The Jay Leno Show (N)	The Doctors (N)	Supernanny (N)	Man Tracker	EP Daily		
-	372	12	KREM	News	Access H.	The Doctors (N)	Ghost Whisperer (N)	Medium (HDTV) (N)	NUMB3RS		
-	374	14	KSPS	PBS NewsHour (N)	Washington	McLaughlin	Bill Moyers Journal (N)	NOW on PBS	Coronation		
-	370	16	KHQ	News (N)	Millionaire	Jeopardy! (N)	Law & Order "Fed"	Dateline NBC	Jay Leno Show		
-	373	22	KAYU	The Office	Raymond	Two/Half Men	House "Instant Karma"	Kitchen Nightmares (N)	News		
502	390	15	CBC	CBC News: The National	Hyper Parents & Coddled Kids	Anderson Cooper 360 (HDTV)	CBC News: The National	CBC News: The National	Hyper Parents		
500	500	29	CNN	Larry King Live (N)	Anderson Cooper 360 (HDTV)	CTV News	CTV News	Larry King Live	Cooper 360		
501	391	52	CTV	CTV News Tonight	CTV News	CTV News	CTV News	CTV News	CTV News		
400	400	21	TSN	Curling Scotties Tournament of Hearts	Sportsnet Con.	SportsCentre (HDTV) (Live)	Off the Record	24/7 Jimmie	Strongest Man		
408	418	27	net	NHL Hockey	Hockey	Hockey Central	Flames Week	Sportsnet Connected (HDTV)	Flames in Hour		
552	543	20	YTV	iCarly	To Be Indie	Zoom * (2006, Comedy) Tim Allen, Spencer Breslin.	The Thirteenth Year ** (1999, Drama)	That's Weirder	Fries That?	Prank Patrol	
557	541	39	FAM	Zeke & Luther	Jonas	Sonny Chance	The New Adventures of Spin and Marty	That's Weirder	Fries That?	Prank Patrol	
603	526	26	FOOD	Bobby Flay	Bobby Flay	Diner, Drive-In	Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares	Diner, Drive-In	Unwrapped	Bobby Flay	
615	520	26	A&E	Criminal Minds (HDTV)	Criminal Minds (HDTV)	Criminal Minds (HDTV)	Criminal Minds (HDTV)	Criminal Minds (HDTV)	Criminal Minds	Criminal Minds	
617	522	32	SHOW	Trailer Park	Trailer Park	Relic Hunter	Poison Ivy: The Secret Society (2008, Drama)	Man vs. Wild "Texas"	Kenny vs.	Jody Jobs	
520	505	35	DISC	Man vs. Wild "Texas"	Best of PRIDE Fighting	Best of PRIDE Fighting	Ways to Die	Ways to Die	MANswers	UFC 109 Countdown	
628	584	43	SPIKE	Sinking a Destroyer	Anticars Behaving Badly	Anticars Behaving Badly	Nostradamus Effect	The Jackal ** (1997, Suspense)	UFC 109 Countdown		
522	516	45	HIST	(6) Space Cowboys *** (2000, Adventure)	Space Cowboys *** (2000, Adventure)	Space Cowboys *** (2000, Adventure)	Space Cowboys *** (2000, Adventure)	Space Cowboys *** (2000, Adventure)	Space Cowboys *** (2000, Adventure)	Space Cowboys *** (2000, Adventure)	
-	-	47	AMC	Cribs	Cribs	The Real World	1 girl 5 guys	After Show	Buried	Teen Mom	
581	566	102	MTV	Cribs	Cribs	The Real World	1 girl 5 guys	After Show	Buried	Teen Mom	

SATURDAY

CA	Vu	SC	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00
243	317	3	CFCN	The Great Tournament	Sid vs. Alexander	Cool Runnings *** (1993, Comedy-Drama) Leon.	Ballad of the Yellow River *** (1990, Drama) Yu Lin.	Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone *** (2001, Fantasy)	CTV News		
-	-	4	OMNI	Omni News: Mandarin Edition	Chinese Rest.	Trendy Zone	Entertainment Tonight	Harley Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone *** (2001, Fantasy)	Most Amazing		
-	371	5	KXLY	4 News at 6	The Insider (N)	NHL Hockey	Edmonton Oilers at Colorado Avalanche (HDTV) (Live)	Love-Death	G-Spot	News Final (N)	
245	306	6	CBRT	renewedepress	Jane Show	Safe Harbor (2006, Suspense) Tracey Gold.	Love-Death	G-Spot	News Final (N)		
244	338	7	CICT	renewedepress	Jane Show	Safe Harbor (2006, Suspense) Tracey Gold.	Love-Death	G-Spot	News Final (N)		
246	-	8	CKAL	Cooking	Most Amazing	Grey's Anatomy	May-December	Time Goes By	CSI: NY (HDTV)	Two/Half Men	
-	372	12	KREM	News	Scrubs	Grey's Anatomy	May-December	Time Goes By	CSI: NY (HDTV)	Two/Half Men	
-	374	14	KSPS	The Lawrence Welk Show	CSI: NY (HDTV)	May-December	Time Goes By	CSI: NY (HDTV)	Two/Half Men		
-	370	16	KHQ	News (N)	Judge Judy	CSI: NY (HDTV)	May-December	Time Goes By	CSI: NY (HDTV)	Two/Half Men	
-	373	22	KAYU	NASCAR Racing	National	Mansbridge	Future Earth: 2025	Special Investigations	National	Mansbridge	
502	390	15	CBC	National	Mansbridge	Future Earth: 2025	Special Investigations	National	Mansbridge	Future Earth	
500	500	29	CNN	Larry King Live	Newsroom	Future Earth: 2025	Special Investigations	National	Mansbridge	Future Earth	
501	391	52	CTV	CTV News Weekend	CTV News	CTV News	CTV News	CTV News	CTV News	CTV News	
400	400	21	TSN	Curling	SportsCentre (Live)	Best Damn Top 50 Special	Amer. Funniest Home Videos	Suite Life	Han, Montana	The Middle	
408	418	27	net	English Premier League Soccer	Tottenham vs. Aston Villa.	Best Damn Top 50 Special	Amer. Funniest Home Videos	Suite Life	Han, Montana	The Middle	
552	543	20	YTV	Superman: Brainiac Attacks (2006)	Suite/Deck	Zoey 101	Suite Life	Han, Montana	The Middle		
557	541	39	FAM	(7:01) Jonas	Overruled!	Suite/Deck	Zoey 101	Suite Life	Han, Montana	The Middle	
603	526	26	FOOD	Chopped "Sticking to It"	CSI: Miami (HDTV)	CSI: Miami (HDTV)	CSI: Miami (HDTV)	CSI: Miami (HDTV)	CSI: Miami (HDTV)	CSI: Miami (HDTV)	
615	520	26	A&E	CSI: Miami (HDTV)	CSI: Miami (HDTV)	CSI: Miami (HDTV)	CSI: Miami (HDTV)	CSI: Miami (HDTV)	CSI: Miami (HDTV)	CSI: Miami (HDTV)	
617	522	32	SHOW	Wife Swap	Verminators (N)	Disorderly Conduct: Video	Nostradamus Effect	Disorderly Conduct: Video	Nostradamus Effect	Disorderly Conduct: Video	
520	505	35	DISC	Dirty Jobs: Egg Farm	Disorderly Conduct: Video	Nostradamus Effect	Disorderly Conduct: Video	Nostradamus Effect	Disorderly Conduct: Video	Nostradamus Effect	
628	584	43	SPIKE	UFC 109: Preliminaries	Disorderly Conduct: Video	Nostradamus Effect	Disorderly Conduct: Video	Nostradamus Effect	Disorderly Conduct: Video	Nostradamus Effect	
522	516	45	HIST	Anticars Behaving Badly	Anticars Behaving Badly	Nostradamus Effect	Disorderly Conduct: Video	Nostradamus Effect	Disorderly Conduct: Video	Nostradamus Effect	
-	-	47	AMC	(6) Silverado *** (1985, Western)	Kevin Kline.	Silverado *** (1985, Western)	Kevin Kline.	Silverado *** (1985, Western)	Kevin Kline.	Silverado *** (1985, Western)	
581	566	102	MTV	Over the Bolts	Over the Bolts	MTV Live	Movie Night	After	1 girl 5 guys	Over the Bolts	

SUNDAY

CA	Vu	SC	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00
243	317	3	CFCN	NFL Football: Super Bowl XLIV	To Be Announced	Movie	Hockey	Canadians	CTV News		
-	-	4	OMNI	Without a Trace	Aaram	Chardi Kalaa	Bollywood Boulevard	Modern Family	Cougar Town	Solo Flight	
-	371	5	KXLY	News	Cougar Basket	Aaram	Funnest Home Videos	Modern Family	The Middle	Carbon Hunter	
245	306	6	CBRT	Heartland (HDTV) (DVS)	Poison: Third Girl (2008, Mystery)	David Suchet.	The Simpsons	Cleveland	CBC News: The National	Family Guy	
244	338	7	CICT	16.9-Picture	Family	Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family	Cougar Town	Carbon Hunter	
246	-	8	CKAL	Murdoch Mysteries	Undercover Boss (N)	NCIS: Los Angeles	Masterpiece Classic (N)	Cold Case (HDTV)	Spokane's 21st Century Fox	KREM 2 News	
-	372	12	KREM	NFL Football: Super Bowl XLIV	Undercover Boss (N)	NCIS: Los Angeles	Masterpiece Classic (N)	Cold Case (HDTV)	Spokane's 21st Century Fox	KREM 2 News	
-	374	14	KSPS	Magic Moments: The Best of 50's	Pop	The Biggest Loser	Strenuous bike challenge.	Til Death	Til Death	The Simpsons	
-	370	16	KHQ	News	Mark Few	The Biggest Loser	Strenuous bike challenge.	Til Death	Til Death	The Simpsons	
-	373	22	KAYU	House "Ugly"	"Til Death	"Til Death	Conspiracy Files	Bin Laden	Newsroom	CTV News	
502	390	15	CBC	CBC News: The National	Newsroom	CTV News	CTV News	CTV News	CTV News	CTV News	
500	500	29	CNN	Larry King Live	Newsroom	CTV News	CTV News	CTV News	CTV News	CTV News	
501	391	52	CTV	CTV News Weekend	CTV News	CTV News	CTV News	CTV News	CTV News	CTV News	
400	400	21	TSN	Sid vs. Alexander	SportsCentre (HDTV) (Live)	NFL PrimeTime	Boxing Joey Hernandez vs. Ed Paredes.	Sportsnet Connected (N)	Poker	Survive This	
408	418	27	net	Skiing	Boxing Jelena Mrgjenovich vs. Ann Saccurato.	NFL PrimeTime	Boxing Joey Hernandez vs. Ed Paredes.	Sportsnet Connected (N)	Poker	Survive This	
552	543	20	YTV	Superman Returns *** (2006, Adventure)	Brandon Routh, Kate Bosworth, James Marsden.	Suite Life	Han, Montana	Around the World in 80 Days ** (2004)	Jamie's Australian Diary	Iron Chef	
557	541	39	FAM	(7:01) Jonas	Overruled!	Suite/Deck	Zoey 101	Suite Life	Han, Montana	Around the World in 80 Days ** (2004)	
603	526	26	FOOD	Iron Chef America	Dinner: Impossible	Criminal Minds (HDTV)	Criminal Minds (HDTV)	Criminal Minds (HDTV)	Criminal Minds (HDTV)	Criminal Minds (HDTV)	
615	520	26	A&E	Criminal Minds (HDTV)	Criminal Minds (HDTV)	Criminal Minds (HDTV)	Criminal Minds (HDTV)	Criminal Minds (HDTV)	Criminal Minds (HDTV)	Criminal Minds (HDTV)	
617	522	32	SHOW	Pursuit-Happy.	Kink in Hair	MythBusters "Motorcycle Flip"	MythBusters	MythBusters	MythBusters	MythBusters	
520	505	35	DISC	MythBusters	MythBusters	MythBusters	MythBusters	MythBusters	MythBusters	MythBusters	
628	584	43	SPIKE	CSI: Crime Scene Invstgtn.	CSI: Crime Scene Invstgtn.	CSI: Crime Scene Invstgtn.	CSI: Crime Scene Invstgtn.	CSI: Crime Scene Invstgtn.	CSI: Crime Scene Invstgtn.	CSI: Crime Scene Invstgtn.	
522	516	45	HIST	Ice Pilots WWT (HDTV)	Ancient Discoveries	Ancient Discoveries	Underworld Histories	Underworld Histories	Dances With Wolves *** (1990, Western)	Dances With Wolves *** (1990, Western)	
-	-	47	AMC	(6) Dances With Wolves *** (1990, Western)	Kevin Costner, Graham Greene.	Dances With Wolves *** (1990, Western)	Kevin Costner, Graham Greene.	Dances With Wolves *** (1990, Western)	Kevin Costner, Graham Greene.	Dances With Wolves *** (1990, Western)	
581	566	102	MTV	Peak Season	Peak Season	Peak Season	After	1 girl 5 guys	Over the Bolts	Cribs	

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Madonna is investing \$1.5 million US in Vita Coco, a Brazilian coconut water company, because of the effect it's had on her health, sources tell Fox News. "Madonna began drinking it in 2009 ... and it became her drink of choice," a source says. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

Going bananas for coconuts

Going Out

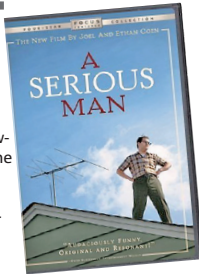
Metro's 7th Heaven: Metro taps what's hot right now

1 Super Bowl XLIV

EVENT When it comes to a North American sporting event, the Super Bowl hits the longest yard — the best parties, the best ads, the best cheerleaders and, this time, the best underdog story. The New Orleans Saints are in their first NFL grand finale and they carry with them the hopes of a battered city rising from the ashes of Hurricane Katrina. Good luck, Indianapolis.

2 A Serious Man

DVD The Coen Brothers get autobiographical. Well, sort of. The black comedy, centred around a Jewish professor, draws on the filmmakers' childhood experiences growing up in an academic household. The real-life similarities probably end there but there are enough Coen trademarks to make this one of their top works to date.



3 Kathryn Bigelow

DIRECTOR Who would have thought that director of Point Break would go on to make something like The Hurt Locker? Anyway, James Cameron's ex is the most talked-about filmmaker in Hollywood right now. She's already become the first person to win the top Director's Guild of American award. Can she repeat the feat come Oscar night?

4 Star Trek Online

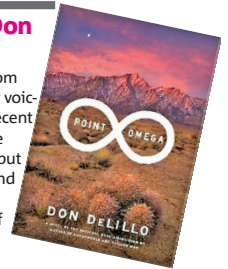
GAME It's a bit surprising that given the number of Trekkies out there this is the first online game from the franchise. Here's how it works: You start as a lowly ensign on the Starfleet and climb up the chain to become captain of the spaceship. Live out your Kirk fantasies and prosper.

5 Dear John

FILM Ladies, time to polish up the lachrymals. Channing Tatum (great reason to smile through the tears) and Amanda Seyfried star in this adaptation of "cry-fi" author Nicholas Sparks' book. Guys, just stick to the Super Bowl parties this weekend.

6 Point Omega: Don DeLillo

BOOK The 15th novel from one of the major literary voices of the last few decades. His recent works may not have reached the heights of White Noise or Libra but there's some positive buzz around this tale of a father coming to terms with the disappearance of his daughter.



7 Romance Is Boring: Los Campesinos!

ALBUM Glockenspiel solos? Check. Addictive mash of New Wave and twee pop? Check. Funny but abrasive lyrics? Check. If you want in on what hip kids are grooving to these days, this Welsh band's second full-length album is a must have.



Jackson's doctor negotiates surrender

The lawyer for Michael Jackson's doctor says he will surrender Friday, though it's not clear when he'll be arraigned.

Attorney Ed Chernoff said in a statement on his website late Thursday that Dr. Conrad Murray had agreed to surrender Friday.

Los Angeles County Sheriff's spokesman Steve Whitmore says Murray's arraignment will not take place Friday.

A district attorney's office spokeswoman was not immediately available for comment.

Murray has maintained that nothing he gave Jackson should have killed him.

Murray's arraignment was thought to be set for Friday afternoon, a person familiar with the planning had told The Associated Press.

The person declined to

Factors

- A law enforcement official told The Associated Press that officials from the Los Angeles Police Department, which spent the past seven months investigating Murray, were unhappy with the idea of him surrendering and wanted to arrest him.
- The official, who was not authorized to speak publicly and requested anonymity, says various factors weighed into the desire to arrest Murray, including the possibility he might flee before arraignment, as O.J. Simpson did.

be named because of the sensitivity of the situation.

Two law enforcement officials have told the AP prosecutors plan to charge Murray with involuntary manslaughter, alleging he gave Jackson a

powerful anesthetic that led to his June 25 overdose death at a rented mansion in Los Angeles.

The officials spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to publicly discuss the case.

Murray, who has a practice in Houston, came to Los Angeles last weekend and has been strategizing with his defence team.

Police have been investigating Murray since Jackson's death.

The doctor told detectives he'd given the singer a powerful anesthetic and other sedatives to get the chronic insomniac star to sleep.

Jackson, 50, died soon thereafter, and investigators have been gathering evidence to try to show Murray was negligent in administering the drugs.

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Dissing Taylor

MUSIC BRIEF The head of Taylor Swift's record label is fired up and ready to defend his superstar from people who are criticizing her Grammy-night performance.

"She is the voice of this generation. She speaks directly to (her fans), and they speak directly back to her," said Big Machine Records CEO Scott Borchetta in a telephone interview.

"This is not 'American Idol.' This is not a competition of getting up and seeing who can sing the highest note. This is about a true artist and writer and communicator. It's not about that technically perfect performance."

Borchetta first responded to the backlash in the Tennessee. Asked by The Associated Press why he felt the need to defend Swift, he said because the criticism was "just over the top."

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Mix of Six

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Where: Big Four Building, Stampede Park

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When: Feb. 5-7

Where: Hyatt Regency Calgary

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When: Feb. 6

Where: Fort Calgary

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girl zone

Keys, Shakira tapped for NBA all-star game

Grammy Award-winning artists Alicia Keys and Shakira will perform during halftime of the NBA all-star game.

The league also announced Usher will perform at the Feb. 14 game at Cowboys Stadium in Arlington, Texas. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Salinger took his material from hometown

J.D. Salinger supposedly spent the latter half of his life writing for his own pleasure, composing each day in a pine house in the hills that overlooked towering maple trees, plowed hay fields and the neighbouring mountains of Vermont.

The author of *The Catcher in the Rye*, who died last week at age 91, lived here for more than 50 years and continued to publish throughout his first decade in Cornish, releasing such fiction as *Franny* and *Zooey* and *Raise High the Roof Beam, Carpenters and Seymour: An Introduction*. But while he surely appreciated a setting that was "nice and peaceful," a wish Holden Caulfield expressed in *Catcher*, Salinger was essentially a cosmopolitan author who set much of his fiction on campuses and in his native New York City and the surrounding area.

The book world knows no greater mystery than what Salinger might have written since he stopped sharing his work with the public in the 1960s. Former neighbour Jerry Burt has said, and continues to say, that Salinger told him he was keeping a stack of manuscripts in a safe. Salinger's daughter, Margaret, and a former Salinger lover, Joyce Maynard, have also claimed he had a secret stash at home.



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Cornish, Vt. residents of J.D. Salinger spoke about about the author following his death. One called him a "good neighbour."

With his longtime literary agency, Harold Ober Associates, Inc., declining comment on any possible unreleased work, rumours of what Salinger wrote in his later New Hampshire life range from meditations on nutrition to continued adventures of the Glass family featured in much of his published

work. But had he chosen to take on his immediate world, in Cornish, there would have been much — in the present and in the past — to inspire him.

He might have responded to the books about him, to the memoirs by his daughter and by Maynard that cast him as a crank and recluse in his Cornish

years, an image foreign to the amiable and unassuming townsman fellow residents had encountered.

He might have chronicled his public life: the roast beef dinners at a church in nearby Windsor, Vt.; the Sunday trips (a little past 9 a.m., like clockwork, recalled neighbour Elizabeth Church) into town to buy *The New York Times*; visits to the auto shop and general store; the restoration overseen by Salinger's wife, Colleen, of an old barn down the road.

"We kept hearing all the garbage about how weird he was," says Salinger neighbour and former state senator Peter Burling. "But he was a good neighbour completely integrated into the town, with a real appreciation for young people. When we were kids, we used to have picnics out on his fields and he never seemed to mind."

Salinger might have looked to the past. Cornish once was an artist colony that included founder Augustus Saint-Gaudens, the Beaux-Arts sculptor known for his Civil War generals and a bronze statue of Diana in New York's Metropolitan Museum of Art, and a novelist-painter named Winston Churchill who was later confused with the statesman of the same name, a standoff settled when the British Churchill agreed to use his

middle initial "S." Salinger might have tried to capture in words Cornish painter Maxfield Parrish's winterish-blue landscapes, or been intrigued by painter George de Forest Brush's decision to live in a teepee on the grounds of Saint-Gaudens' home.

Or he might have embellished on recent headlines. In the Cornish hills was a true-to-life "phoney" worthy of Caulfield's scorn, a German immigrant born Christian Karl Gerhartreiter who called himself Clark Rockefeller and pretended to be part of the billionaire clan.

In neighbouring Plainfield lived Ed and Elaine Brown, who saw no good reason to pay federal taxes, a belief they acted upon by secluding themselves and building a defence of booby traps and 50-calibre sniper rifles.

"It's funny that so many people were focused on Salinger when you had these other incredible events going on," says Elizabeth Church, Salinger's neighbour.

Cornish residents, even those who spoke with him often, have no idea of what or whether Salinger wrote and are proud not to know. Revealing secrets in a small town can brand you for life, as fellow New Hampshire resident Grace Metalious learned in the 1950s when her tell-all novel of incest, murder and lust, *Peyton Place*, enraged the citizens of Gilmanton, 112 kilometres east of Cornish.

Salinger's neighbours and fellow Cornish residents speak of the trust between themselves and Salinger. Neither spoke out of turn about the other.

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Diabetes played role in demise of heiress

CORONER REPORT The Los Angeles County coroner says socialite Casey Johnson's death was related to diabetes.

The coroner announced Thursday that the death of the Johnson & Johnson heiress was caused by diabetic ketoacidosis — a life-threatening condition caused by lack of insulin and sky-high blood sugar.

The coroner conducted Johnson's autopsy Jan. 5. Her body was found a day earlier in her Los Angeles home.

The 30-year-old daughter of New York Jets owner Robert "Woody" Johnson lived a party life. In December, she announced her engagement to bisexual reality TV star Tila Tequila.

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Brittany Murphy died from pneumonia, but prescription drugs played a factor, a coroner said.

Prescriptions a factor in Brittany Murphy death

REPORT The Los Angeles County coroner says Brittany Murphy died from pneumonia but prescription drug intoxication was also a factor.

The coroner released its results Thursday.

Spokesman Craig Harvey says the primary cause of Murphy's death was pneumonia, with secondary factors of iron-deficiency anemia and multiple drug intoxication. Harvey says the drugs ingested were all

prescription medications.

Harvey declined to say more about what types of drugs were involved. He says those details will be released in about two weeks when a complete report is ready. Murphy died Dec. 20 at age 32 after collapsing at her Hollywood Hills home. Her mother and husband have said that the actress didn't abuse prescription medications or have an eating disorder.

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Brothers & Sisters star Sarah Jane Morris and her husband Ned Brower welcomed a baby boy on January 24, their rep confirms. Brower, drummer for the band Rooney, also announced the news on Facebook. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

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EDDIE IZZARD is checking out the moon, **ALYSSA MILANO** has standards, **LADY GAGA** shows off a new tattoo for her fans, and **NEIL PATRICK HARRIS** has been misinformed. @eddieizzard If you're in the LA area or even anywhere in Southern California, check out the moon. It has a massive ring around it from where I'm looking @Alyssa_Milano Twitter Tip: If you are vulgar, rude, gross, disrespectful or make me throw up in my mouth a little, I will block you. @ladygaga look what i did last night. Little monsters forever, on the arm that holds my mic. @ActuallyNPH Heading to London in a bit. Can't wait to be there and soak in the



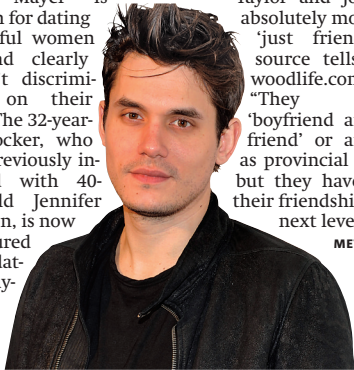
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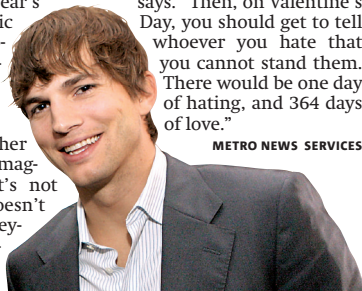
John 'Cradle Robber' Mayer

ICK. GROSS. EW, TAYLOR, NO!! popeater.com reports. John Mayer is known for dating beautiful women — and clearly doesn't discriminate on their ages. The 32-year-old rocker, who was previously involved with 40-year-old Jennifer Aniston, is now rumoured to be dating Taylor Swift, 20, absolutely more than "just friends," a source tells hollywoodlife.com. "They aren't 'boyfriend and girlfriend' or anything as provincial as that, but they have taken their friendship to the next level." **METRO NEWS SERVICES**



He just wants to love

SEVEN DAYS A WEEK Demi Moore might be shocked to learn that her husband dislikes the year's most romantic day, people.com reports. "I hate Valentine's Day," Kutcher tells Parade magazine. But it's not that he doesn't like the love-dovey sentiment that is celebrated every Feb. 14. "I think every day should be a day of romance," he says. "Then, on Valentine's Day, you should get to tell whoever you hate that you cannot stand them. There would be one day of hating, and 364 days of love." **METRO NEWS SERVICES**



Mixing biz with pleasure?

AN AGENT WITH AN AGENDA ... TO MEET WITH HIS CLIENT AND HAVE A MEAL. SO DEVILOUS Has Reese Witherspoon waded back into the dating pool?

People.com reports the Oscar winner, 33, shared dinner for two at Santa Monica's cozy Italian eatery Locanda Portofino last Thursday with Jim Toth, an agent at Hollywood's powerful Creative Artists Agency.

After greeting each other with a hug and settling in to a corner table, the pair "were very flirtatious

throughout dinner," says a fellow diner.

"They were having a lot of fun, totally getting along and laughing and talking the whole dinner. Reese seemed very happy. She was smiling all dinner. The mood was upbeat and really good."

Witherspoon quietly split from actor Jake Gyllenhaal, 29, last December.

After the nearly two-hour meal — for which Toth picked up the tab — the couple walked outside

and parted ways around 11 p.m.

Witherspoon is a CAA client, and a source close to the actress maintains the night out was just business.

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Taking a bite out of V-Day

OUCH! THAT'S THE TRUTH HURTING Alex Meraz, a member of the hunky, shirtless wolf pack in New Moon, isn't afraid to bear his fangs at his famous costar Taylor Lautner, us-magazine.com reports.

Meraz, 25, took to his Twitter account to play armchair critic for Valentine's Day, the romantic comedy in which Lautner stars with Taylor Swift, Jennifer Garner, and Julia Roberts, among other superstars.

Meraz hasn't seen the film — but calls the preview "lame and desperate." He

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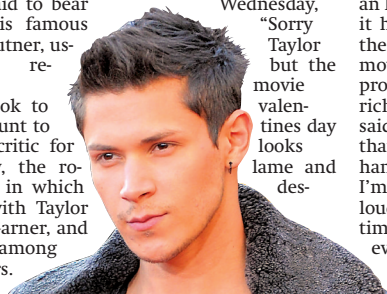
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perate it cries out 'look we have all the biggest starz in 1 movie pleeez watch!'

Meraz backtracked just an hour later, writing, "P.S. it has nothing to do with the talented actors in the movie I just don't like the producer & Directors 'get rich quick skeem' nuff said." And one hour after that, "talk about biting the hand that feeds me... but I'm a wolf for crying out loud! I'll be careful next time I spill twitter all over everyone."

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All work and no play

YEAH, GOOD LUCK WITH THAT Amy Winehouse is going back to the Caribbean, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The singer — who spent more than six months on the island of St. Lucia last year — is flying out to Jamaica later this month but has been warned by her record label not to treat the trip as a holiday.

"She'll fly out next week. She is really excited about going back because she loves the Caribbean so much," a source told The Sun newspaper.

"But she's been told it's not a party. She has to work."

Winehouse, 26, previously took an extended break in St. Lucia from December 2008 to July last year, and enjoyed herself so much she even launched a residency bid to stay on the island permanently.

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Jolie-Aniston beat down

SHE BEAT HER AND GOT THE GUY. SHE BEAT HER TO BEING A MOTHER. NOW SHE'S BEATING HER WITH A MILLION DOLLARS Angelina Jolie bests Jennifer Aniston — again.

Jolie, 34, out earned Aniston, 40, in 2009, according to Vanity Fair's Hollywood's Top 40 list, us-magazine.com reports.

Jolie came in at No. 32 on the list by making \$21 million US last year;

\$20 million of that for her action thriller, Salt, which doesn't even hit theaters until next July. She made an extra mil in royalties from other films, the mag estimates.

Aniston isn't too far behind at No. 31. She earned \$20 million last year, but had to do a lot more work. Vanity Fair says she made \$8 million each for The Bounty Hunter and The Baster. She banked \$3 million for 2008's Marley

& Me thanks to back-end earnings of its \$243 million worldwide gross and DVD sales, and \$1 million from He's just Not That Into You.

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All the pretty haute couture hoarders

WHEN HER 'CAREER' TANKS SHE CAN SELL EVERYTHING ONLINE. OH WAIT, THAT'S ALREADY HAPPENING AT LOHAN-HOUSE.COM Is Lindsay Lohan a secret celebrity hoarder?

"I just need to get rid of ... stuff," the 23-year-old star says in a teaser for an exclusive interview on The Insider, popeater.com re-

ports. "That's personal stuff that I have to work on."

In an interview with Niccy Nash —

host of the Style Network's Clean House reality show — Lohan reveals she may be using hoarding as a coping mechanism for the estranged relationship she has with her father, Michael Lohan.

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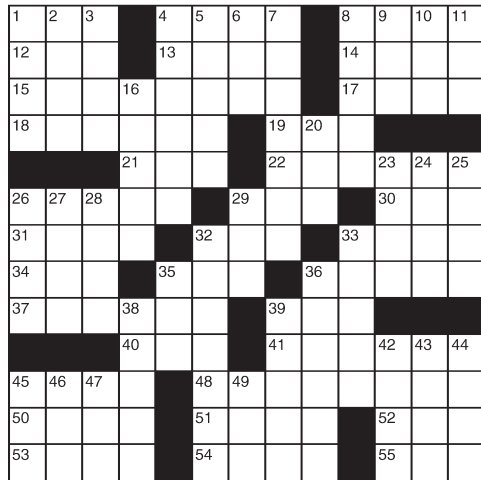
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17 Wilder or Hackman
18 Help
19 Inventor Whitney
21 Appomattox surrenderer
22 Caseload
26 Barbershop item
29 Cocoa holder
30 "What'd you say?"
31 Black birds
32 "Great Expectations" lad
33 Poi base
34 B&B
35 Car wash option
36 Benefactor
37 Adulterate
39 Parcel of land

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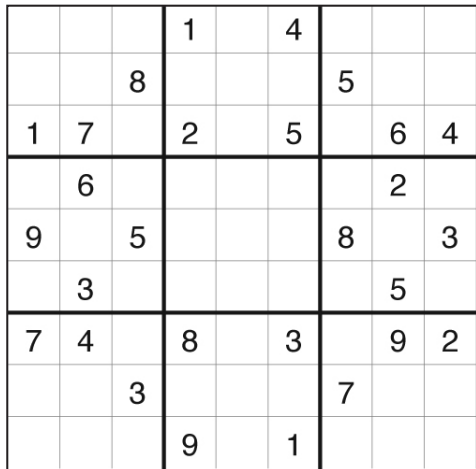
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3 Basic education
4 Old Faithful, e.g.
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HOW TO PLAY: Digits 1 through 9 will appear once in each zone — one zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine zones in the puzzle. Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same zone, row across or column down the entire puzzle.



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Metro Recipe of the Day



Cheddar and Broccoli Strata

INGREDIENTS:

1 tbsp (15 ml) butter
4 shallots, finely chopped
1/2 lb (250 g) broccoli florets
6 oz (175 g) green beans, halved
2 cups (500 ml) frozen corn
9 slices bread, halved and crusts removed
4 eggs
2 1/3 cups (575 ml) 2% milk
2 tbsp (25 ml) fresh chives, snipped
2 tbsp (25 ml) fresh parsley, chopped
3/4 cup (175 ml) cheddar cheese, grated
salt and black pepper

METHOD:

1. Melt butter in frying pan. Add shallots and cook until softened. Cook broccoli and green beans in boiling water until tender. Drain, then stir with shallots.

lots and corn in bowl; season to taste.
2. Arrange six halved bread slices side-by-side in lightly greased overproof dish. Top with half the broccoli mixture, add another layer of bread, then broccoli, then top with final layer of bread.
3. Whisk eggs, milk, chives and parsley, then season. Pour mixture over layered bread and vegetables, then sprinkle cheese on top. Set aside 30 minutes. Preheat oven to 350°F (180°C).
4. Bake casserole 1 hour or until set, puffy and golden brown. Spoon strata onto serving plates.

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ARIES MARCH 21-APRIL 20



It is important that you believe in yourself. It is important that you have faith in your own abilities.

LIBRA SEPT 23-OCT 23



You may feel that you deserve something better and you may feel that your talents should be appreciated more, but it won't happen unless you make it.

TAURUS APRIL 21-MAY 21



Saturn, planet of challenges, is strong in your chart, which means that someone in authority is going to give you a hard time.

SCORPIO OCT 24-NOV 22



You may feel different, even superior, do something out of the ordinary today. You've got what it takes — so take it.

GEMINI MAY 22-JUNE 21



You may not agree with the way some people live but you do accept they have the right to be different.

SAGITTARIUS NOV 23-DEC 21



Someone you meet on your travels will bring you good luck, but do you deserve it? Maybe you do, maybe you don't.

CANCER JUNE 22-JULY 22



If you fear the worst then the worst will probably happen. Negative thoughts inevitably attract negative events, so keep yourself busy today.

CAPRICORN DEC 22-JAN 20



Someone in a position of power will put you to the test today and you will need all your strength and all your skill to get through the situation.

LEO JULY 23-AUG 23



As a Leo you believe you can do anything and, for the most part, that belief is true. But with Saturn so strong at the moment you may bite off more than you can chew.

AQUARIUS JAN 21-FEB 18



Don't waste a second of your precious time on people who are either too lazy or too stupid to sort things out for themselves.

VIRGO AUG 24-SEPT 22



You will either get a lot of work done today or you will get nothing of any importance done at all. There is no middle ground.

PISCES FEB 19-MARCH 20



You may feel a bit lethargic today but don't let it worry you because you will more than make up for it over the weekend.

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